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ADVENTURES INTO THE

UNKNOWN

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I'LL TRY SOME
20TH CENTURY
MAGIC ON
THEM!

CAN TIME LONG FLED
RETURN? READ A THRILLING
TALE OF ONE MAN'S EXPLOIT
INTO AN ANCIENT ERA...
"The PAST is ALWAYS with US!"

BEWARE!
HE'S A
WIZARD!



WANTED!

100,000 OVERWEIGHT WOMEN WHO WANT TO LOSE 5 TO 12 POUNDS IN 2 WEEKS Without Eating Less!

WITHOUT DANGEROUS DRUGS, TIRE-SOME EXERCISE, WEAKENING STEAM BATHS, DRASTIC MASSAGE!

At last a SAFE way to reduce that really works! It's the easy way, the lazy way, the speedy way... and it only costs a few pennies a day! Here are the amazing but true facts. Do this for two short weeks and we guarantee you'll lose pounds every day, feel better, look younger, be able to wear the slender new styles: (1) select delicious low-calorie foods and beverages from the 3500 we tell you about, (2) rely on a new appetite-appeasing wafer to help your will power, (3) replace energy lost while reducing with a concentrated capsule containing 22 vitamins and minerals. That's all there is to it! And you get all four in one big kit for one low price! Here's what you get:

1. You get the famous Hollywood Reducing and Beauty Course which you'll agree alone is worth many times the cost of this special combination offer! Thousands of women have gladly paid \$25.00 for it as a personalized mail-order course! Now it has been improved and enlarged! This extraordinary course lets you in on the secrets which have proved so successful with stars of stage, screen and television... as well as smart women everywhere! It's not just a book, it's a series of heart-to-heart talks with an expert who knows your overweight problems intimately and who can help you solve them!

Each day of each week you'll know exactly what to do, what not to do, what to eat, what not to eat! There's no margin for error... all guesswork is eliminated. Profusely illustrated, you'll see how to have a more beautiful midriff, built-line, slender hips, thighs, arms and legs... how to improve your posture with scores of other tips on how to beautify your figure! It also gives you the most amazing list of foods and beverages—3,500! of them... keeps you on the road to slenderness because it gives you all the "red" and "green" lights to observe in your daily eating habits. It will convince you—as it has so many others—that non-fattening foods are just as delicious and often as satisfying as fattening ones!

2. You get one of the most successful ready reference guides ever produced in the United States! Millions of copies have been sold! Letters reporting weight losses have poured in from every state in the union! Doctors everywhere have bought and recommended it for their obese patients! This amazingly handy calorie score-board—fits pocket or purse—tells you at a glance how to eat like a gourmet and take off weight without every tick of the clock!

It tells you your calorie needs... is a handy guide to consult when you eat out...

is a constant check-list to keep in your kitchen to guide you in meal planning! With this priceless complete little book, you'll find meal preparation is SIMPLIFIED because you can reduce without denying your family the foods they often like and need. You'll find this calorie check-list easy to use! You'll be amazed at the large number of delicious LOW-CALORIE foods and beverages available. Constantly at your fingertips—this gold mine of important information gives you new menu ideas, helps you plan more interesting meals with far greater variety!

3. You get 90 delicious candy-like BON-ETTE Appetite-Reducing Wafers! These wonderful tasting wafers help satisfy your craving for fattening, high-calorie foods and snacks! You just stick on one of these delicious sweets every time you're tempted to go overboard. Quickly your craving will be appeased. We guarantee you'll love these marvelous little "appetite cheaters" that do so much to help take the place of will power!

You can eat low-calorie meals yet spoil it all by eating fattening between-meal snacks! You may not even be conscious of the fact that you are eating—it becomes an automatic reflex action! During one television show you may take in as many as 2000 calories! Then you wonder why you don't lose weight! Delicious Bon-Elle Wafers help put a stop to this—without too much self denial, without straining your will-power, without feeling too hungry! They make it possible for you to really ENJOY the thousands of LOW-CALORIE foods you never dreamed tasted so good.

4. You get a liberal 30-day supply of special multi purpose Bon-Vette Vitamin-Mineral capsules in this all-in-one kit! Most reducing products claim to be loaded with vitamins but actually they contain only tiny quantities of 2, 3, 4 or 5 vitamins! Not enough to keep you feeling full of pep while you are taking off those ugly pounds... those embarrassing bulges!

But we give you 22 wholesome vitamins and minerals to help make you feel better... concentrated in to one easy-to-take capsule! Remember, you'll need extra vitamins and minerals while you are reducing more than any other time! While you will receive a long list of vitamin-rich foods in this complete package—you will feel very much better, if you have a satisfying capsule like this that gives you 100% MINIMUM DAILY REQUIREMENTS. Just compare this formula with anything else you've ever tried—

IT'S NOT HOW MUCH YOU EAT BUT WHAT YOU EAT THAT MAKES YOU FAT OR THIN!

THIS LADY ATE A 5,393 CALORIE MEAL



THIS LADY ATE A 623 CALORIE MEAL



It's not how MUCH you eat that makes you fat... but WHAT you eat. You can eat almost the same amount of food—and STILL LOSE WEIGHT IF YOU KNOW WHAT TO EAT AND WHAT NOT TO EAT. This is the only way you all the "red" and "green" lights! There's never any guesswork. You'll learn how to enjoy the hundreds of NON-FATTENING FOODS AND BEVERAGES... how to reach for tomato juice that contains 25 calories instead of a malted milk with ice cream that contains 600 calories! You'll even learn how to reduce your thirst for late evening beverages—you'll reach for a rum Collins containing only 75 calories instead of a Rum punch containing 300.

FREE GIFT if you act NOW!

There's never been as big a reducing bargain as this! But to make it an even bigger value we are giving you as an added incentive a copy of "The Truth About Reducing!" You'll read answers to the questions you've wanted answered; how to use the new wonder diet reducing kit most effectively; the simple requirements to follow in order to take off and keep off your fat; the true-to-life story of how other women overcame their overweight problem! Don't delay—get out the coupon today.

TRY IT FOR 14 DAYS AT OUR RISK

SEND NO MONEY! To prove to you that this Four-in-one Wonder Kit is a SUPER more complete way to take off fat—we make this offer. Try it for 14 days. If you don't agree this is the most sensible method you've ever used... if you don't see ugly fat melt away... then return the course, the calorie check-list, the unused portion of the appetite reducers and the vitamins and you'll get your money back in FULL, no questions asked. You risk nothing! You must be satisfied! You are the Judge and jury! We know this plan will take off that excess fat in 30 days or less if you follow it faithfully! So order now while this introductory offer is effective. Don't put it off. You have nothing to lose but your fat! Just print your name and address on the handy coupon and mail it today to Wonder Diet Plan, Dept. M.W.S., 1841 Broadway, New York 23, N. Y.

MAIL NO-RISK COUPON TODAY!

WONDER DIET PLAN, Dept. AC-78
1841 Broadway, New York 23, N. Y.

Yes, I want to try your complete, Four-in-one Wonder Reducing Plan. Rush me the famous Hollywood Reducing Course, (2) the Calorie Counter, (3) the Bon-Elle Appetite-Reducing Wafers, (4) the Bon-Vette Vitamins and Minerals... plus my free copy of "The Truth About Reducing." I will pay the postman only \$3.98 plus postage and C.O.D. charges. There are no other payments. If I am not completely satisfied in every way, you will refund my money in full.

Name.....
PLEASE PRINT PLAINLY

Address.....

City.....Zone...State....

SAVE MORE! Send check, cash or money order for \$3.98 with coupon and we pay postage charges. Same money-back guarantee!

EVER WISH THAT YOU OWNED A **TIME MACHINE**? WELL, FORGET IT--YOU CAN GET ALONG **WITHOUT ONE**--AND **STILL** BE AN EYEWITNESS TO HISTORY! WANT TO LEARN **HOW**? THEN JOIN **BUD STANHOPE** ON A THRILLING VOYAGE BACK THROUGH TIME--AND LEARN, WITH HIM, THAT--

The PAST is ALWAYS with US!



OH-OH! OLD STEARNS IS LOOSE ON HIS PET SUBJECT--GOING BACK INTO THE **PAST**!

SIMMS COLLEGE

TONIGHT
PROF. P.W. STEARNS
"CAN TIME
TURN BACK?"

CAN YOU IMAGINE ANYBODY **BELIEVING** THAT STUFF? TO ME, ANYTHING THAT CAN'T BE PROVED BY NATURAL LAWS **ISN'T!**

YOU AND YOUR SCIENCE COURSES! I'VE HEARD THE OLD BOY PUTS ON A PRETTY CONVINCING SHOW, BUD--LET'S TAKE IT IN!

NOT ONE ATOM IN THE UNIVERSE HAS EVER DISAPPEARED SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING! IT'S **STILL** WITH US! WHY SHOULDN'T THE SAME THING BE TRUE OF **TIME**?



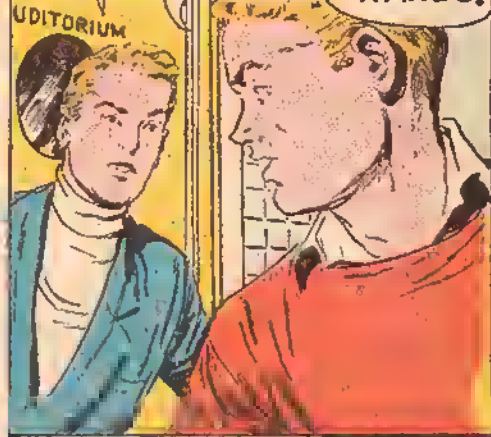
MY THEORY IS THAT TIME IS MERELY A ROAD WE PASS ALONG--AND THAT WHAT WE PASS **STILL EXISTS**, JUST AS DOES THE VILLAGE YOU MAY HAVE GONE THROUGH EARLIER IN AN AUTO TRIP!



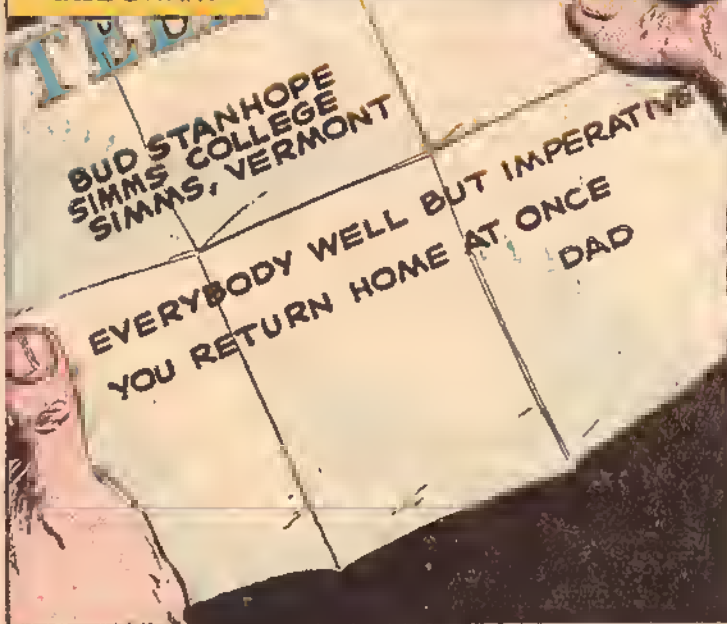
AND NOW WE COME TO THE CRUX OF THE MATTER! **TIME** IS A CONCEPT OF THE MIND--TURN THE MIND BACK, AND, THROUGH THE POWER OF MIND OVER MATTER, IT MAY SOMETIMES BE POSSIBLE FOR THE BODY ACTUALLY TO ACCOMPANY IT! IN THAT FASHION, ONE MAY ENTER THE **FOURTH DIMENSION--TIME--** WHICH EXISTS ALL ABOUT US!



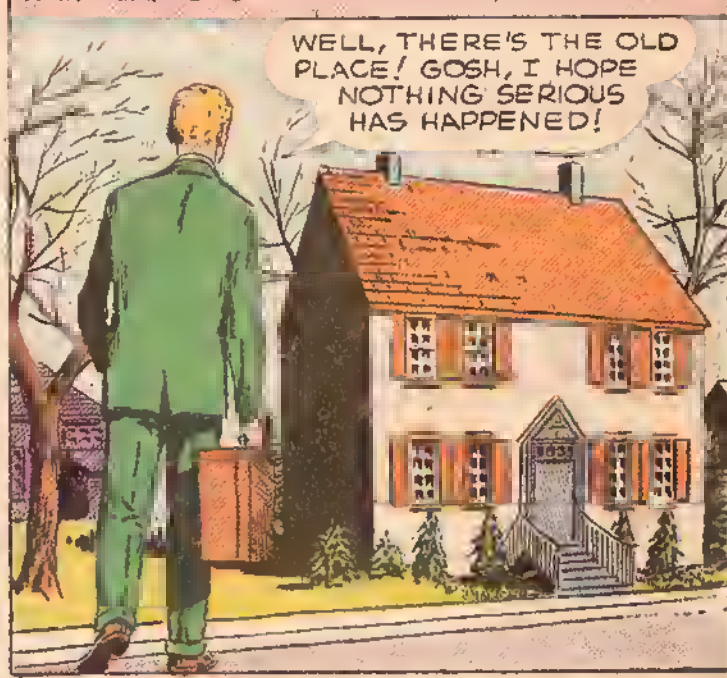
HE SAYS THAT AN INTELLIGENT PERSON, WHO CAN PROJECT A STRONG IMAGINATION, MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO IT! SOUNDS PRETTY VALID TO **ME, BUD!** **NUTS!** HE'LL BE TALKING ABOUT **TIME MACHINES** NEXT--AND **MAGIC WANDS!**



THE STRANGE LECTURE WAS SOON FORGOTTEN--UNDER THE IMPACT OF A TELEGRAM--



NEXT DAY--BACK HOME IN SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS--



HE SOON FOUND OUT THE REASON FOR THE SUDDEN SUMMONS--

--SO THAT'S IT! WITH MY BUSINESS FAILING, I-I JUST CAN'T AFFORD TO KEEP YOU IN COLLEGE, BUD! MATTER OF FACT, IT LOOKS AS IF WE'RE GOING TO LOSE THE HOUSE, TOO!

ISN'T THERE **ANY** WAY WE CAN SAVE IT? AFTER ALL, IT'S BEEN IN THE FAMILY FOR **OVER TWO CENTURIES!**



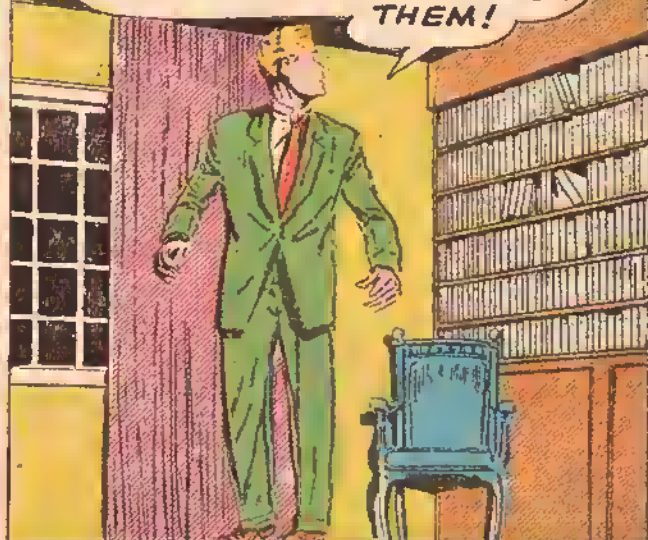
THE ONLY THING THAT COULD SAVE IT WOULD BE A **MIRACLE**-- LIKE FINDING OLD EZRA STANHOPE'S LOST GOLD!



ANCESTOR. EZRA, EH? LET'S SEE, HE'S SUPPOSED TO HAVE ACCUMULATED A FORTUNE WHICH WAS NEVER FOUND AFTER HE DIED! IT SURE WOULD COME IN HANDY NOW! IT WOULD HAVE TO BE HIDDEN IN THE HOUSE --THERE WEREN'T ANY BANKS IN THOSE DAYS!

FORGET IT! EVERY GENERATION SINCE HAS SEARCHED --VAINLY!

YEAH-- BUT DID THEY SEARCH **SYSTEMATICALLY?** MAYBE OLD EZRA LEFT A **CLUE** SOMEWHERE! THIS LIBRARY IS FULL OF OLD BOOKS AND PAPERS-- **I'M GOING TO HUNT THROUGH THEM!**



BUT THE SEARCH WAS FRUITLESS, UNTIL, ON THE HIGHEST SHELF OF ALL--

HMMM-- LOOSE BOARD AT THE BACK OF THIS SHELF-- **THERE'S SOMETHING BEHIND IT!**



YEEE-OWWW! BET I'LL FIND THE CLUE I'M LOOKING FOR **HERE!**



BUT ALL BUD FOUND WERE COMMONPLACE ENTRIES-- LIKE THIS--

NUTS! NOT A THING IN THIS DIARY THAT'S ANY HELP!

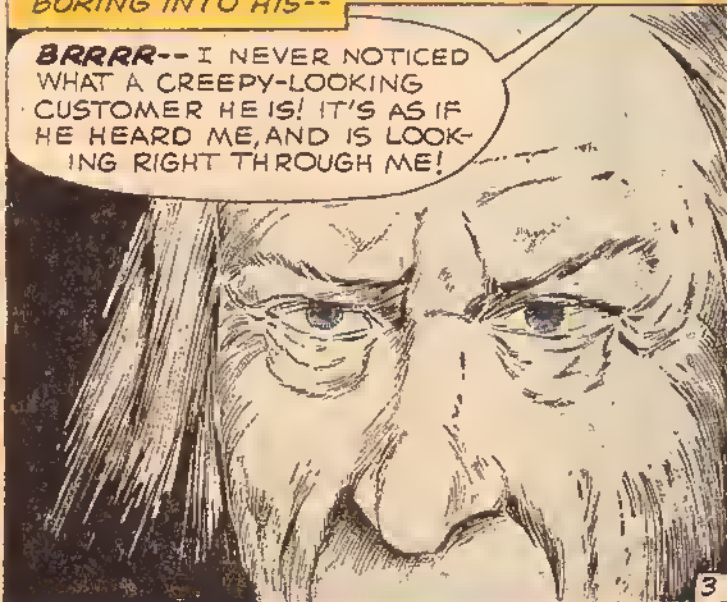
August 14, 1723
A fire, starting
at 3.25 P.M.,
burned down
the old
church to-
day.

TOO BAD OLD PROFESSOR STEARNS ISN'T HERE-- BECAUSE THE ONLY WAY I COULD GET ANY INFORMATION IS BY GOING BACK A COUPLE OF CENTURIES IN TIME! HUH-- WHAT A LAUGH THAT IS!

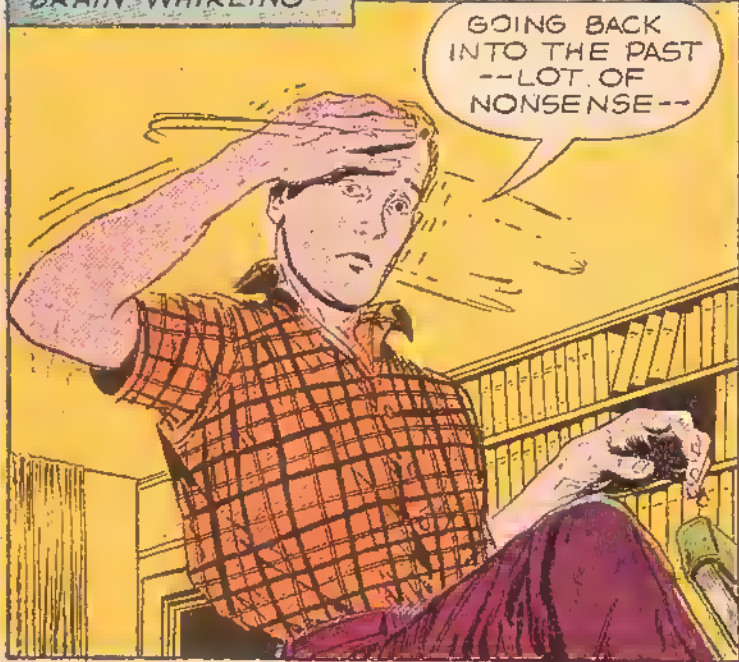


SUDDENLY, HE FELT HIS EYES DRAWN TO THE PORTRAIT OF OLD EZRA! IT SEEMED TO GLARE AT HIM TRIUMPHANTLY-- ITS GAZE BORING INTO HIS--

BRRRR-- I NEVER NOTICED WHAT A CREEPY-LOOKING CUSTOMER HE IS! IT'S AS IF HE HEARD ME, AND IS LOOKING RIGHT THROUGH ME!



DIZZILY HE SWAYED ATOP THE LADDER, HIS BRAIN WHIRLING--



NEXT MOMENT--



THEN IT WAS AS IF HE WERE CAUGHT UP IN A WHIRLING VORTEX--



WHEN HIS EYES OPENED--



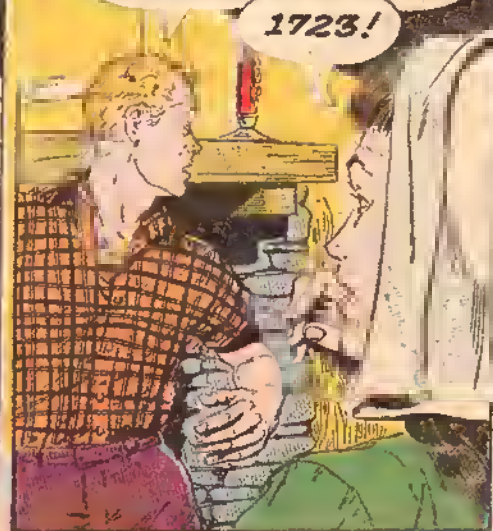
HUH? LOOK, SISTER, DON'T MAKE JOKES! I'M STILL DIZZY AFTER FALLING OFF THAT LADDER!

WHAT LADDER?



H-HOLY SMOKE--THE ROOM'S DIFFERENT! IT'S GOT PANELLED WALLS--AND A FIRE-PLACE--AN OLD FIRE-PLACE! T-TELL ME--WHAT YEAR IS THIS?

1723!



THAT'S WHAT I WAS AFRAID OF!



YESTERDAY I WOULD
HAVE THOUGHT THIS
WAS A HOLLYWOOD
MOVIE SET--
BUT NOW--

WHO
IS HE?
WHERE
DOES
HE
COME
FROM?

THE
STRANGE
CLOTHING
HE
WEARS--

LOOK, FOLKS,
DON'T YOU
KNOW
IT'S NOT
POLITE
TO
STARE?

I--I'VE GOTTA GET AWAY
FRDM THEM! SAY, AFTER
ALL, THAT **IS** MY HOUSE
THERE, GIVE OR TAKE A
COUPLE OF CENTURIES!
I'M GOING BACK!
I'VE GOT A **RIGHT!**

BE A SWEETHEART AND
CLOSE THAT DOOR, HUH?
JUST SO'S THEY WON'T
STARE AT ME!

WHEW! FUNNY, BUT
IT'S SORT OF-- WELL,
COMFORTABLE BE-
ING WITH YOU! JEEPERS,
IF THEY HAD SLICK
CHICKS LIKE YOU IN
1723, WHAT HAVE I
BEEN DOING WAST-
ING MY TIME IN
1955?

I-I FIND YOUR
WORDS HARD TO
UNDERSTAND--
BUT I LIKE THE
WAY YOU SAY THEM!

JUDITH!
WHO IS THIS
STRANGER?

GOOD GOSH, IT'S
OLD **EZRA**
STANHOPE--JUST
LIKE IN THE
PICTURE!

HOW DO YOU KNOW
MY NAME, FELLOW?
AND WHAT DO YOU
WANT HERE?
SPEAK UP!

COULD HE TELL THE MISER HE WAS THERE
THROUGH A MERE ACCIDENT IN TIME? BUT THEN
SUDDENLY, BUD REMEMBERED THE HIDDEN
GOLD! WHY NOT TELL THE **TRUTH?**

--SO THAT'S THE STORY,
SIR! WE DON'T WANT YOUR
MONEY DURING **YOUR** LIFE-
TIME--BUT IF YOU CAN TELL
ME WHERE IT'S HIDDEN, IT
SURE WILL COME IN HANDY
IN **1955!**

IT'S ALL A
PACK OF
RIDICULOUS
LIES! YOU'RE
JUST TRYING
TO **CHEAT ME**
OUT OF MY
FORTUNE!

ALL RIGHT--**HIDE** YOUR MISERLY GOLD! MUCH GOOD IT'LL DO YOU! WHY, FROM WHAT I KNOW ABOUT YOUR LIFE, YOU'RE GOING TO DIE WITHIN THREE DAYS ANYWAY --AND JUST BECAUSE OF THAT HOARD OF YOURS!

GET OUT! GET OUT!

AND SO BUD LEFT--IN A HURRY! HE DIDN'T KNOW THAT OLD EZRA HAD FOLLOWED HIM ---

THAT'S HIM-- THE THIEF WHO TRIED TO CHEAT ME!

WE'LL BRING HIM BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE!

HEY! WHAT'S THE IDEA?

YOU'RE UNDER **ARREST**, VARLET!

PURITAN JUSTICE WAS FAST! BUD'S TRIAL WAS IMMEDIATE--

THE DEFENDANT STATES THAT WHATEVER HE SAID WAS TRUE-- THAT HE COMES FROM THE **FUTURE!** IS THERE ANY WAY HE CAN **PROVE** THIS RIDICULOUS ASSERTION?

HOLD ON --MAYBE I **CAN!**

IF PROFESSOR STEARNS WAS RIGHT, THE PAST CO-EXISTS WITH THE FUTURE--SO THERE OUGHT TO BE **RADIO WAVES** AROUND **RIGHT NOW!**

WHAT STRANGE DEVICE IS **THAT?**

NEVER MIND-- JUST **LISTEN!**

IT--IT'S **MAGIC!**

LET ME GO, **LOVER--**

WELL? **SATISFIED?**

SILENCE THAT INVENTION OF SATAN!

...AND DON'T FORGET...**RUN** DOWN TO YOUR DRUG STORE AND ASK FOR **WHITEY**, FOR THOSE **TEETH** YOU LOVE TO **TOUCH!**

Get Rid of UGLY PIMPLES this new easy way!

Amazing new medicated lotion developed by a doctor works wonders by clearing up skin blemishes in one week or less!

DON'T let a bad complexion ruin romance, spoil your fun, cause you to be embarrassed, shy or ashamed. If you suffer from *acne*, the common external cause of pimples among young people, try this wonderfully effective medicated lotion that was developed by a practicing physician to clear up his own teen ager's complexion after other methods had failed. It has produced astonishing results for many thousands of others. It is **GUARANTEED** to help you or it won't cost you a single cent!

Doesn't Show On Your Face

Keraplex is a skin-colored lotion (NOT a greasy salve or ointment!) that is quickly absorbed by the skin and gets right down in the pores where its healing and antiseptic ingredients can go to work. After you have applied it, there is no trace left on the surface. In fact, it makes a perfect powder base for girls and a refreshing after shaving lotion for men... actually improves the tone of the skin! It is pleasant and easy to use—leaving your skin soft, clean and fragrant.

Works in SIX Out of SEVEN Cases!

An analysis of **RESULTS** taken from actual case histories proves that Keraplex is successful in clearing up six of every seven cases of externally caused blackheads, pimples and other common blemishes. It is also very effective in the treatment of eczema. It tones up the complexion generally, giving it a healthy, radiant glow.

Try This New Method Without Risking A Penny!

Keraplex is **GUARANTEED** to clear up your skin troubles or there will be **NO COST** to you whatsoever. If yours happens to be the **ONE** extra-stubborn case out of seven which Keraplex cannot help in one short week, it will cost you nothing to have tried it. Keraplex is sent to you with that simple, positive **GUARANTEE**!

SEND NO MONEY

You need send no money with the coupon below. When postman delivers your Keraplex lotion (in plain wrapper marked "Personal"), deposit with him only the modest price indicated below, plus a few cents postage. Then use your Keraplex morning and night for a full week, following the simple directions which will be enclosed.

If you do not **SEE RESULTS** that delight you—if you are not fully convinced that Keraplex **IS** clearing up your complexion—just return the empty bottle or unused portion and the purchase price will be refunded in full. Don't delay a single day. The longer you let your skin troubles go, the more difficult it will be to clear them up and get your complexion back to a healthy, clear, unblemished condition! Clip and mail the coupon **TODAY**. Underwood Laboratories, Inc., Stratford, Conn.



BEFORE

This young man suffered from a severe case of acne for years and tried all the usual "remedies" without success.



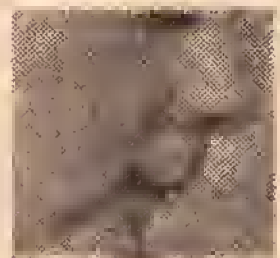
AFTER

Same young man after using KERAPLEX twice a day for just one week. Notice the decided improvement—pimples completely gone!



BEFORE

Note more than a dozen blemishes on just one side of this girl's face before KERAPLEX was applied.



AFTER

Same girl had used KERAPLEX twice a day for only 5 days when above photo was taken. Note the amazing improvement.

WHAT USERS SAY:

"I was suffering from a severe case of acne... and with only 4 days' treatment with Keraplex... was completely relieved."—P. S.

"I have been completely satisfied with your lotion to help clear up the pimples on my face."—K. W.

"I have been using Keraplex for a severe case of eczema on my hands, knees and elbows. Now my skin is completely clear."—A. M. B.

MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE

**UNDERWOOD LABORATORIES, Inc., Dept. 28
STRAFORD, CONN.**

Yes! I want to try Keraplex **ON APPROVAL**. Send size checked below in plain wrapper marked "Personal." When it is delivered I will deposit with postman amount indicated below, plus postage. If not delighted with the **RESULTS**, I will return empty bottle within seven days for a full refund of the purchase price.

☐ Regular Size, \$1.98

☐ Double Quantity (Two Bottles), \$3.50

Name

Address

City Zone State

☐ **SAVE POSTAGE.** Check here if you **ENCLOSE** payment, in which case we pay postage. Same money-back Guarantee applies!

Payment must be sent with orders going to A.P.O.'s, Canada and foreign countries, due to postal rules.

IF YOU'RE **NOT** SATISFIED, THEN LET ME TELL YOU THAT IN MY WORLD OF THE FUTURE, I LEARNED THAT THAT YOUR CHURCH WAS TO BURN DOWN AT 3:25 P.M. ON AUGUST 14TH, 1723--THAT'S **TODAY!** MUST HAVE JUST HAPPENED!

NOW WE **KNOW** YOU LIE! NOTHING LIKE THAT HAS HAPPENED!

THEN--AT THAT VERY MOMENT--

FIRE! THE OLD CHURCH HAS JUST CAUGHT FIRE!

HE'S A WIZARD!

HMM--I WAS A LITTLE OFF! I FORGOT MY WATCH WAS RUNNING ON **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME!**

WHY'D THEY STICK ME IN HERE THE MOMENT THEY FOUND OUT ABOUT THE FIRE? WHEN AM I GETTING OUT?

FOOL, YOU'RE **NOT** GETTING OUT! THE MOMENT THEY KNEW YOU'RE A WIZARD--
YOUR DOOM WAS SEALED!

THREE NIGHTS LATER--WITH HIS EXECUTION SET FOR THE FOLLOWING MORNING--

THERE ISN'T A CHANCE FOR ME! I'LL **NEVER** GET OUT OF THIS!

HIS!

JUDITH! I CAME BECAUSE I DON'T REALLY BELIEVE YOU'RE GUILTY! MAYBE YOU'RE A LITTLE CRAZY--BUT YOU **ARE** SWEET! THE JAILERS GONE HOME FOR THE NIGHT--HERE ATTACH THIS ROPE TO THE BARS!

NOW COME ON--**PULL!--THERE!**

CRACK

NOW YOU'D BEST FLEE--AS FAST AS POSSIBLE! REMEMBER, YOUR **LIFE'S** AT STAKE!

BUT I **CAN'T!** I JUST REMEMBERED--THIS IS THE NIGHT WHEN OLD EZRA IS SUPPOSED TO BE ATTACKED FOR HIS MONEY! I READ IT IN OUR FAMILY HISTORY!



C'MON!

STILL
CRAZY!



HE ENTERED THE STANHOPE
HOME TO FIND--

GOOD HEAVENS,
I'M--**TOO LATE!**



WELL, YOU'RE
NOT GETTING
AWAY WITH IT!

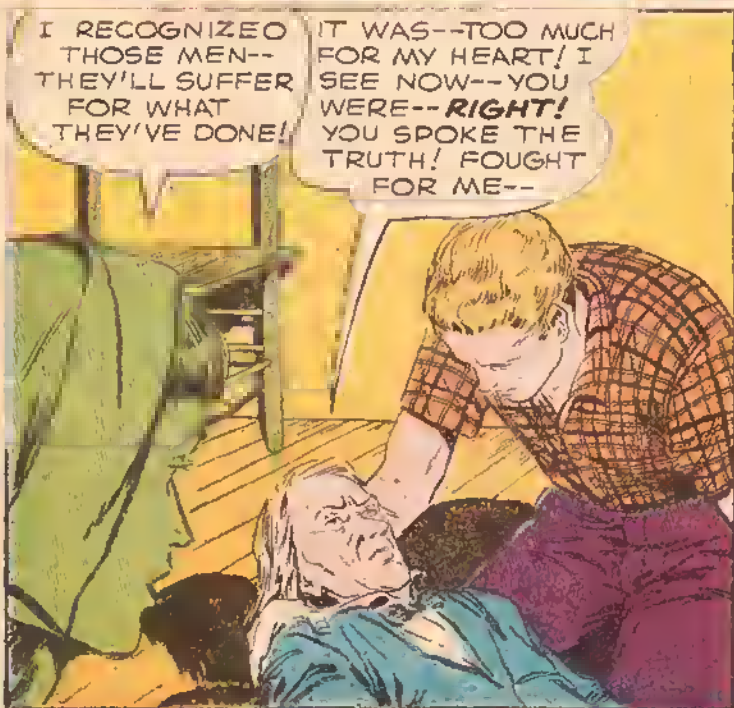


IT'S--**YOUR**
TURN NOW!



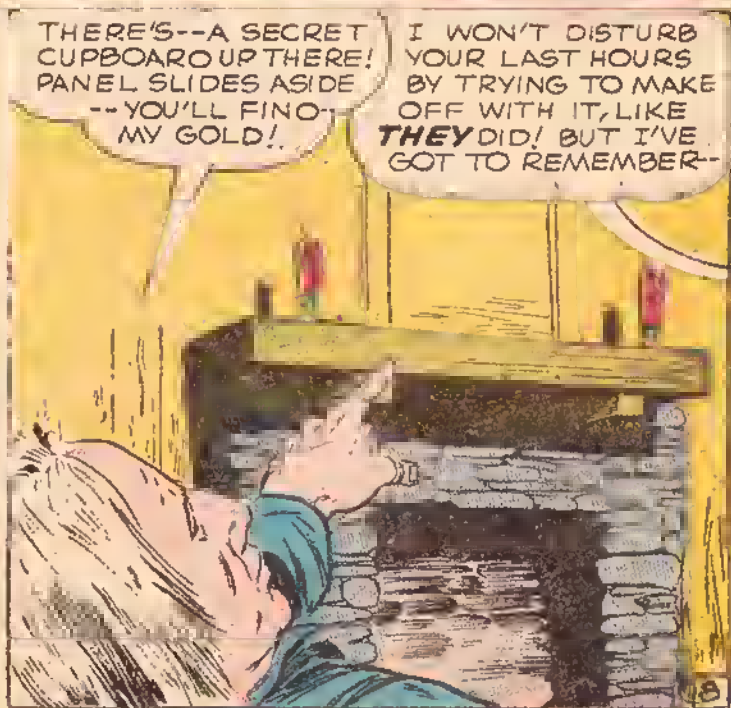
QUICK--
WE'VE GOT
TO ESCAPE!

UGH!



I RECOGNIZED
THOSE MEN--
THEY'LL SUFFER
FOR WHAT
THEY'VE DONE!

IT WAS--TOO MUCH
FOR MY HEART! I
SEE NOW--YOU
WERE--**RIGHT!**
YOU SPOKE THE
TRUTH! FOUGHT
FOR ME--



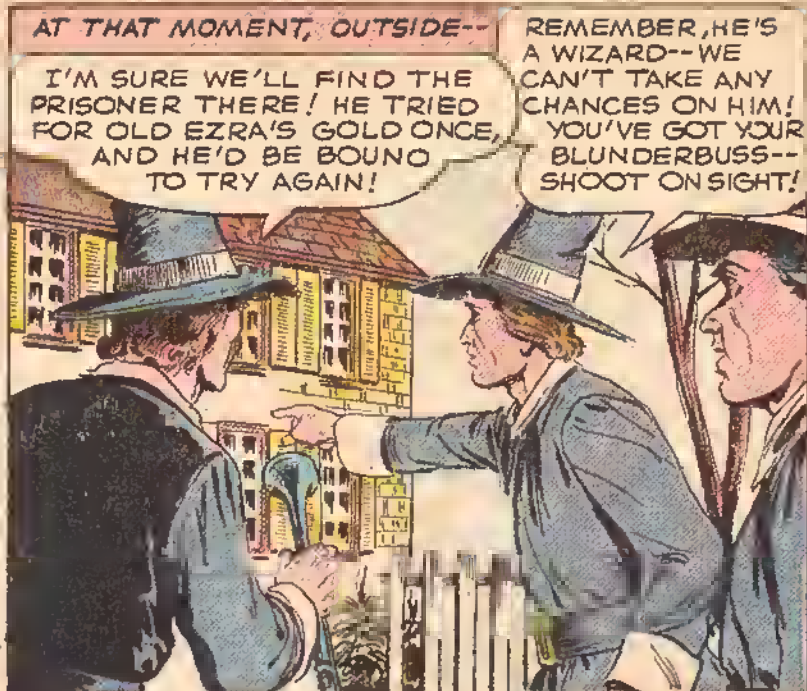
THERE'S--A SECRET
CUPBOARD UP THERE!
PANEL SLIDES ASIDE
--YOU'LL FIND--
MY GOLD!

I WON'T DISTURB
YOUR LAST HOURS
BY TRYING TO MAKE
OFF WITH IT, LIKE
THEY DID! BUT I'VE
GOT TO REMEMBER--



--SO I'LL JUST MARK THE SPOT WITH MY INITIALS!

B.R.S.



AT THAT MOMENT, OUTSIDE--

I'M SURE WE'LL FIND THE PRISONER THERE! HE TRIED FOR OLD EZRA'S GOLD ONCE, AND HE'D BE BOUND TO TRY AGAIN!

REMEMBER, HE'S A WIZARD-- WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES ON HIM! YOU'VE GOT YOUR BLUNDERBUSS-- SHOOT ON SIGHT!



I--I CAN'T HELP FATE AND FEELING THAT TIME YOU'RE--GOING SEPARATED TO LEAVE US, JUDITH! ME, BUD! OH, IF ONLY IT COULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT--



THROW UP YOUR HANDS, WIZARD!

OH--OH--I'VE GOT TO TRY FOR A GET-AWAY!



STOP!



OH--HHH--

BAM!

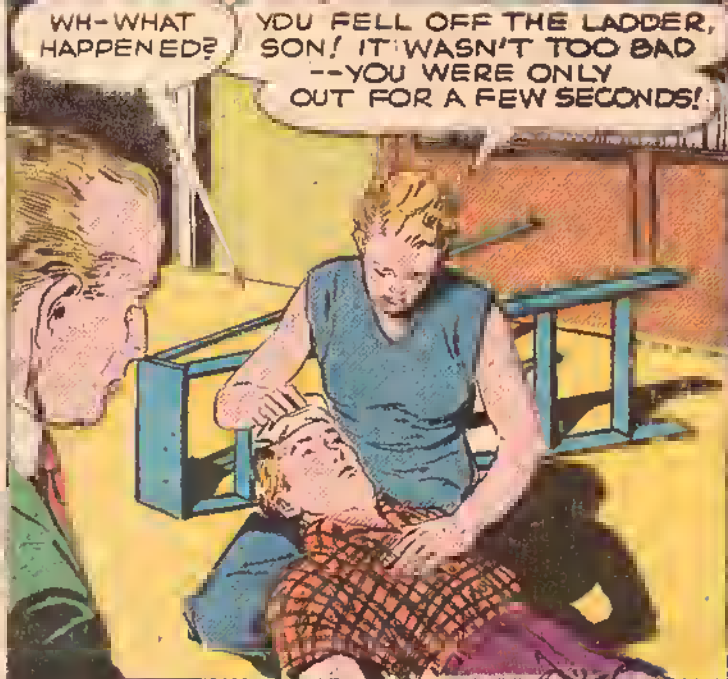
ONCE AGAIN, THE WHIRLING VORTEX SEEMED TO GRIP HIM--



THIS TIME, HE OPENED HIS EYES TO--

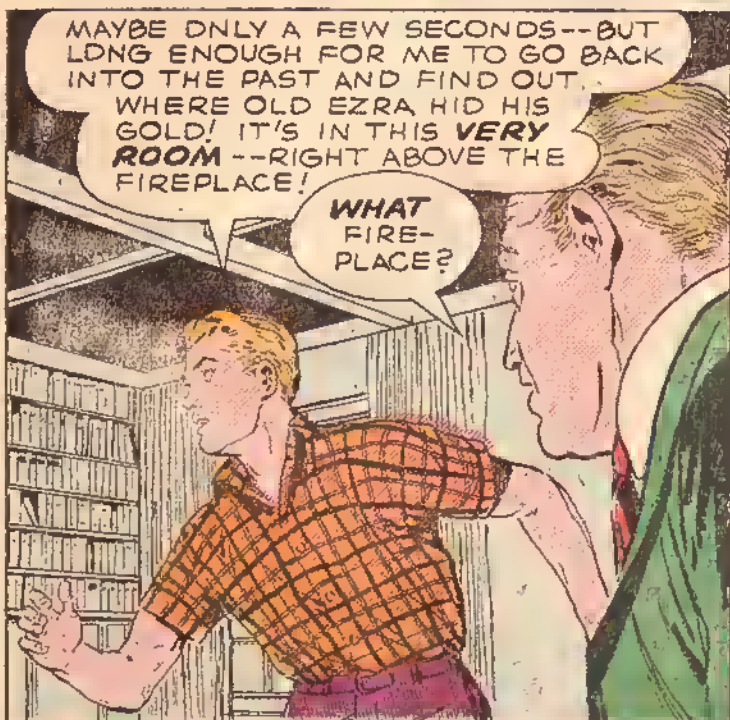
WH-WHAT
HAPPENED?

YOU FELL OFF THE LADDER,
SON! IT WASN'T TOO BAD
--YOU WERE ONLY
OUT FOR A FEW SECONDS!



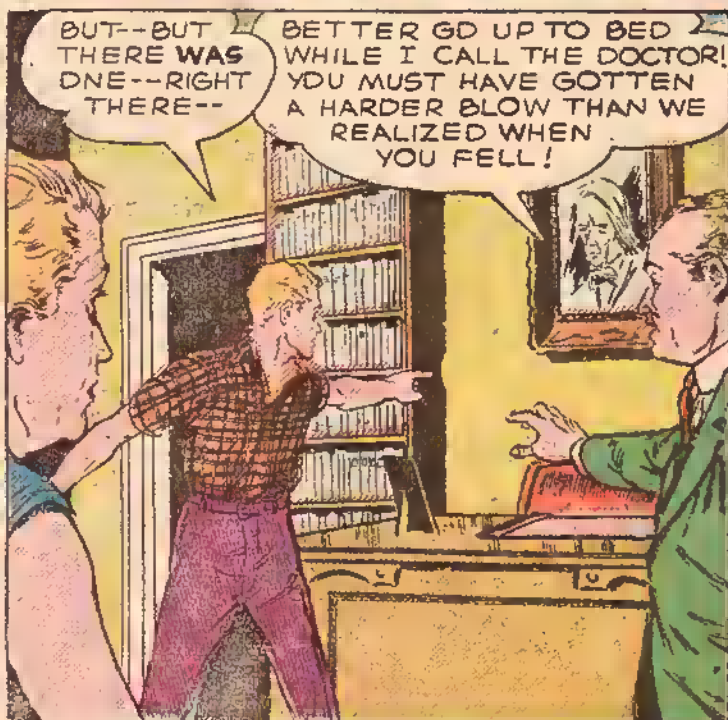
MAYBE ONLY A FEW SECONDS--BUT
LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO GO BACK
INTO THE PAST AND FIND OUT
WHERE OLD EZRA HID HIS
GOLD! IT'S IN THIS **VERY**
ROOM --RIGHT ABOVE THE
FIREPLACE!

WHAT
FIRE-
PLACE?

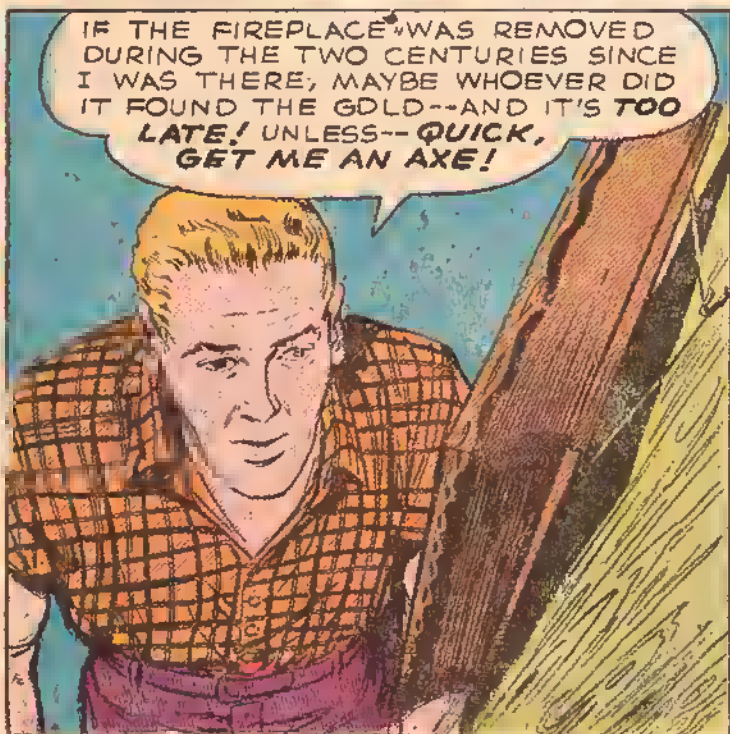


BUT--BUT
THERE **WAS**
ONE--RIGHT
THERE--

BETTER GO UP TO BED
WHILE I CALL THE DOCTOR!
YOU MUST HAVE GOTTEN
A HARDER BLOW THAN WE
REALIZED WHEN
YOU FELL!



IF THE FIREPLACE WAS REMOVED
DURING THE TWO CENTURIES SINCE
I WAS THERE, MAYBE WHOEVER DID
IT FOUND THE GOLD--AND IT'S **TOO**
LATE! UNLESS--**QUICK,**
GET ME AN AXE!



SOMETIMES THESE THINGS WERE TAKEN
AWAY--BUT SOMETIMES THEY WERE JUST
WALLED OVER--
AND **HERE IT IS!**
YOU'LL SEE WHERE
I CARVED MY
INITIALS ON IT!

THAT FIREPLACE MUST
HAVE BEEN COVERED
UP FOR AT LEAST A
CENTURY--AND HE SAYS
HE CARVED **HIS INITIALS**
ON IT! HE'S **CRAZY!**





OH, YEAH?
THEN WHAT
ARE **THESE**?

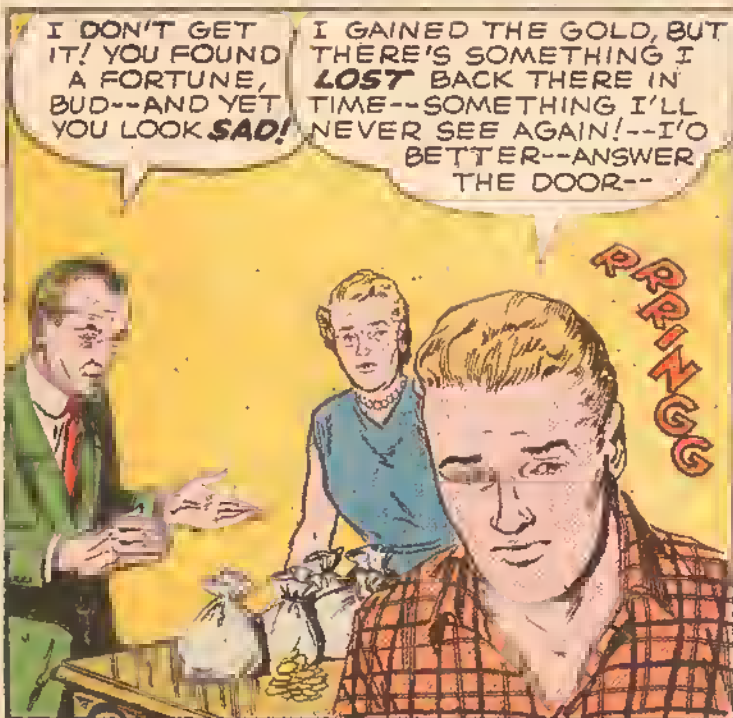


LET'S SEE--THERE
OUGHT TO BE A PANEL
HERE--**AND
THERE IS!**



GUESS THIS IS THE TONIC
YOUR BUSINESS NEEDS, EH,
DAD? AND IT LOOKS LIKE WE
GET TO KEEP THE OLD
HOUSE,
AFTER
ALL!

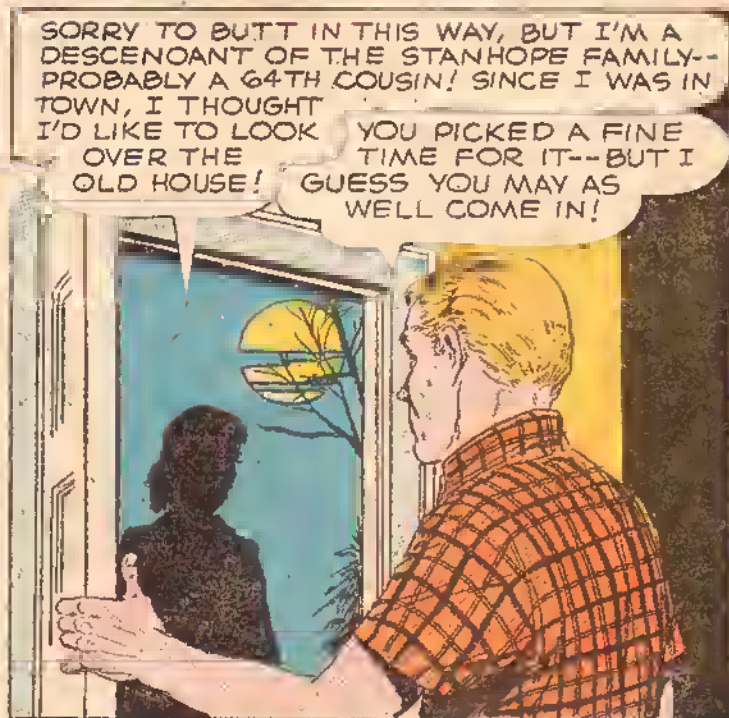
**WELL,
I'LL
BE--!**



I DON'T GET
IT! YOU FOUND
A FORTUNE,
BUD--AND YET
YOU LOOK **SAD!**

I GAINED THE GOLD, BUT
THERE'S SOMETHING I
LOST BACK THERE IN
TIME--SOMETHING I'LL
NEVER SEE AGAIN!--I'O
BETTER--ANSWER
THE DOOR--

PRINGG



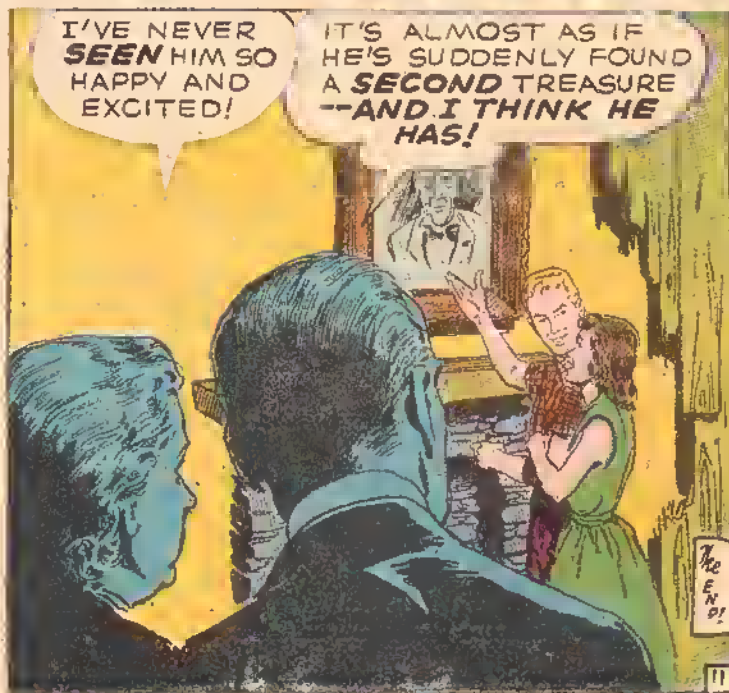
SORRY TO BUTT IN THIS WAY, BUT I'M A
DESCENDANT OF THE STANHOPE FAMILY--
PROBABLY A 64TH COUSIN! SINCE I WAS IN
TOWN, I THOUGHT
I'D LIKE TO LOOK
OVER THE
OLD HOUSE!

YOU PICKED A FINE
TIME FOR IT--BUT I
GUESS YOU MAY AS
WELL COME IN!



HOLY SMOKE,
IT--IT'S **JUDITH!**

WHY, HOW DID YOU
KNOW THAT WAS MY
NAME?



I'VE NEVER
SEEN HIM SO
HAPPY AND
EXCITED!

IT'S ALMOST AS IF
HE'S SUDDENLY FOUND
A **SECOND** TREASURE
--AND I THINK HE
HAS!



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SAVED...by WHAT?

IT had started out as a pleasant picnic for two, but now everything had changed. You'd never think that two people as much in love as Ellen Miller and Pete Atkins would argue—but the innermost convictions of each had been challenged by the other. Ellen was a believer in the supernatural—Pete wasn't. Ellen was convinced that there were many phenomena which defied natural explanation—Pete laughed at her. Just like a woman, he said—always ruled by emotion! There wasn't a thing that *science* couldn't explain, he insisted, and told her to stop being an idiot. Word led to word, and to a final explosion that marked their first serious quarrel. It was too bad, because they were really very much in love, practically living for each other. It ended with Ellen removing her ring, and flinging it at Uete. Then she turned and ran towards her home—and Pete, turning angrily, headed for *his* residence, which lay in the opposite direction.

Such a trivial reason, to come between two people who cared so deeply for each other! But neither even thought of retracting. Ellen, as she stumbled homeward, was as certain as ever that she was right in postulating the possibility of supernatural explanations of events. And Pete *knew* that it was always a matter of science, and he wasn't backing down an inch as he stalked angrily on his course.

But let's get to Ellen for the moment, because very shortly, something was due to happen to her that you ought to know about. Her body racked with sohs, she wanted only to reach her house as soon as possible, and so took the short cut over the old Sawyer Creek bridge. It wasn't used anymore, because it was unsafe. She knew that, but figured it would support her weight. It didn't. As she was crossing it, the little old bridge collapsed, flinging her into the shallow waters below. Ordinarily, you'd assume that since she was in no way injured, she'd escape with nothing more than a wetting. But it was destined to be something far worse than that. She tried to wade out, but couldn't—she found that she was held fast by some tenacious force and was sinking, sinking. *Quicksand!*

Let's get back to Pete, for the moment, still stalking angrily along, determined that it was

all up between them. Suddenly—it happened! From out of nowhere, exploding within his brain, a voice—*her* voice! "*Pete!*" it wailed. "*Help me, Pete, before it's too late! I'm in danger . . .*"

Pete didn't stop to ask questions. Ellen was in trouble—she needed him! He was off on a dead run. He was panting, staggering with weariness when he reached Sawyer Creek, just in time. It was a struggle, but he saved her. There wasn't even the slightest memory of their quarrel now as they clung to each other and he covered her face with kisses. And they were almost at her home when he recalled it, and turned to her with a smile. "Let's never fight again," he said, smiling indulgently. "Especially over anything so downright *silly!* Supernatural or science—who cares?"

"You're right, darling," answered Ellen, giving his arm a little squeeze. "Of course, however, if I were the *typical* woman, I *could* say that it was some supernatural force that brought you to my rescue and saved my life! How *else* would you explain it?"

"Now, now," said Pete patronizingly. "Of course, I wouldn't want to revive the argument, but there's nothing there that science can't explain! Haven't you ever heard of extra-sensory perception? It's a sort of minds-in-tune business that's been known to exist between two people who are very close!"

"All right, so you sensed I was in danger," retorted Ellen. "But tell me—how did you know, so unerringly, exactly where to come to save me?"

"Telepathy," said Pete. "A natural and scientific force!"

"But all *that* would impart would be a vague sense that something was threatening me! Was it just a vague sense that brought you to me—or something *else?*"

"Well," said Pete uncomfortably. "I *did* seem to hear your voice, crying over and over again, '*Pete! Help me, Pete, before it's too late! I'm in danger . . .*'"

"*Exactly the words I kept screaming!*" said Ellen.

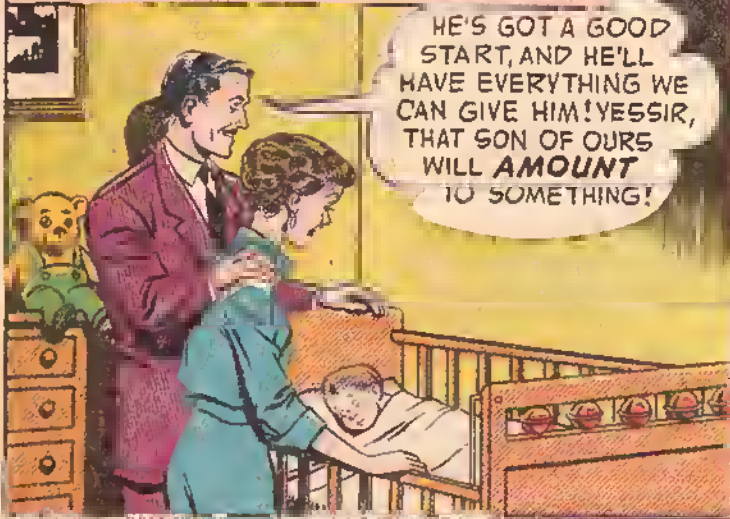
Supernatural—or scientific? What do you think, reader?

EVER TRY TO FORETELL THE COURSE OF A PERSON'S LIFE? IT'S NOT EASY, BECAUSE **LITTLE THINGS** MAY CHANGE IT...AND PROVE THAT---

Anything CAN HAPPEN!



LOOKING AT FRANK TREMAINE AS A BABY AND OBSERVING HIS CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU'D BE POSITIVE THAT HIS FUTURE WOULD BE A BRIGHT ONE---



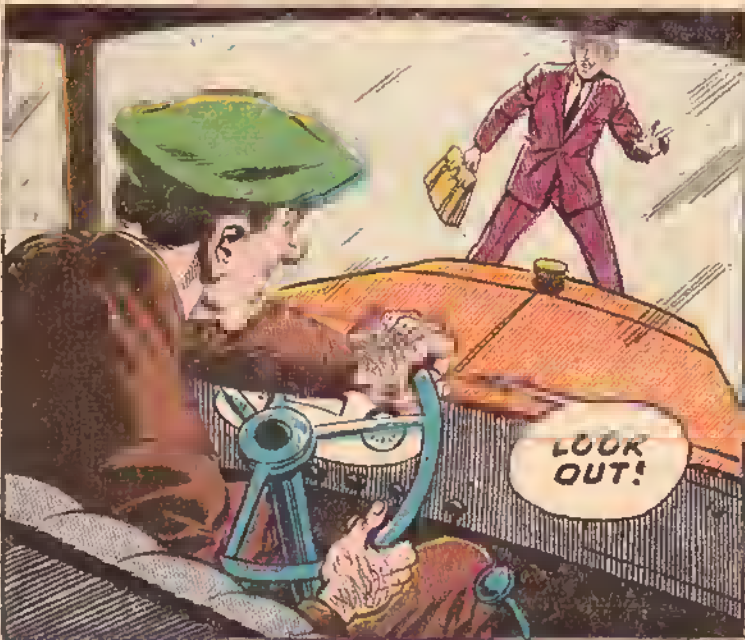
HE'S GOT A GOOD START, AND HE'LL HAVE EVERYTHING WE CAN GIVE HIM! YESSIR, THAT SON OF OURS WILL **AMOUNT** TO SOMETHING!

SO SAYING, MR. TREMAINE LEFT FOR HIS OFFICE! HE DIDN'T NOTICE THE CAT ON THE CURB, AND TROD ON ITS TAIL! HE RECOILED AS HE FELT THE STING OF THE CREATURE'S CLAWS---



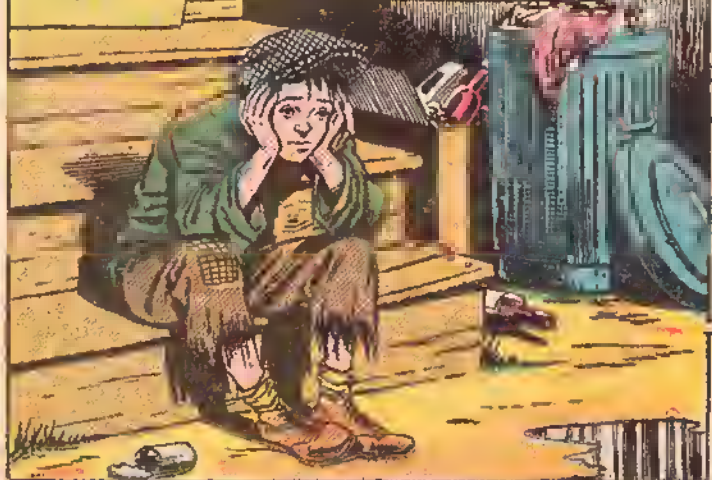
WHAT THE...!

FSST!



LOOK OUT!

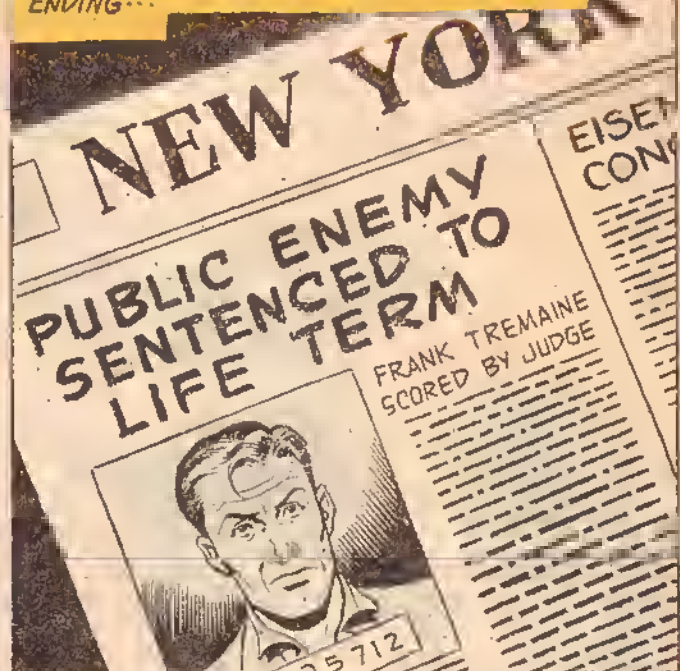
JUST A STREET ACCIDENT, LIKE SO MANY OTHERS! BUT IT LEFT A FATHERLESS CHILD, WHO COULD NO LONGER HAVE THE CAREFUL UPBRINGING HIS PARENTS HAD PLANNED! INSTEAD, FRANK WAS REARED IN POVERTY---



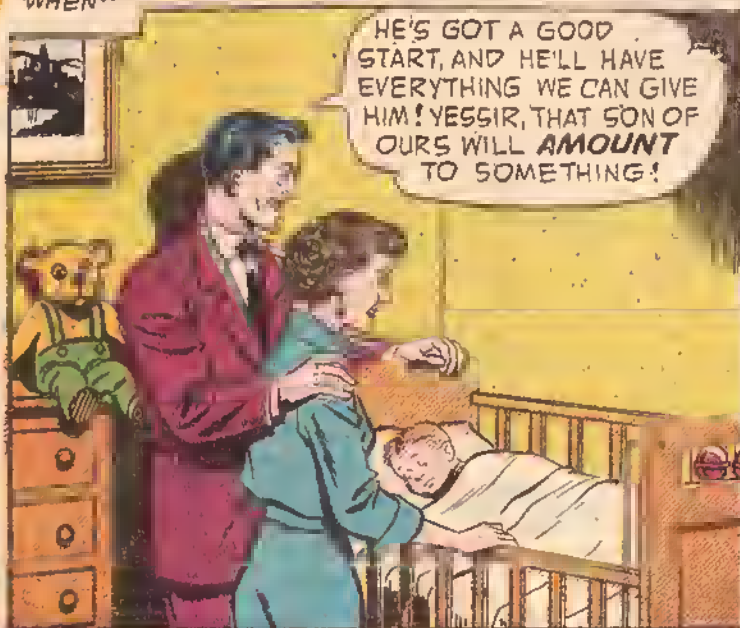
MANY PEOPLE RISE ABOVE POOR UPBRINGING...BUT LET'S CONSIDER A CASE WHERE IT **DIDN'T** HAPPEN! SUPPOSE FRANK HAD ALLOWED BAD COMPANY TO DOMINATE HIS FORMATIVE YEARS! HE MIGHT HAVE ENTERED UPON AN ANTI-SOCIAL CAREER...



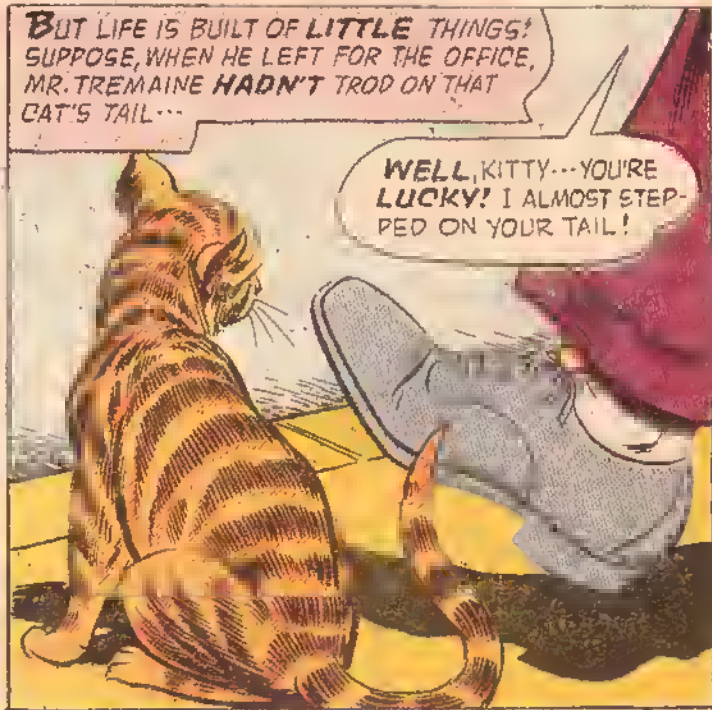
...A CAREER WHICH MIGHT HAVE LED TO THIS ENDING...



YES, A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY...ONE WHICH HIS PARENTS COULD NEVER HAVE DREAMED OF ON THAT DISTANT DAY WHEN...

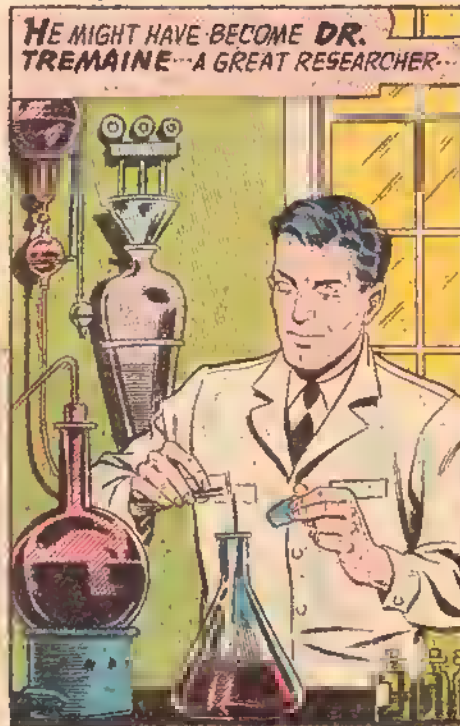


BUT LIFE IS BUILT OF LITTLE THINGS! SUPPOSE, WHEN HE LEFT FOR THE OFFICE, MR. TREMAINE **HADN'T** TROD ON THAT CAT'S TAIL...

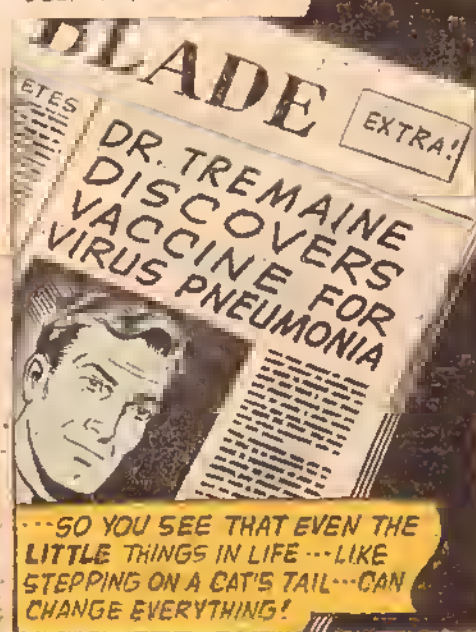


ALL RIGHT...LET'S ASSUME HE **DIDN'T**! THERE'D HAVE BEEN NO ACCIDENT, THEN...AND FRANK MIGHT HAVE BEEN REARED WITH COMPLETE PARENTAL GUIDANCE...WITH CAREFUL TRAINING AND EDUCATION! AND **THIS** MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE RESULT...

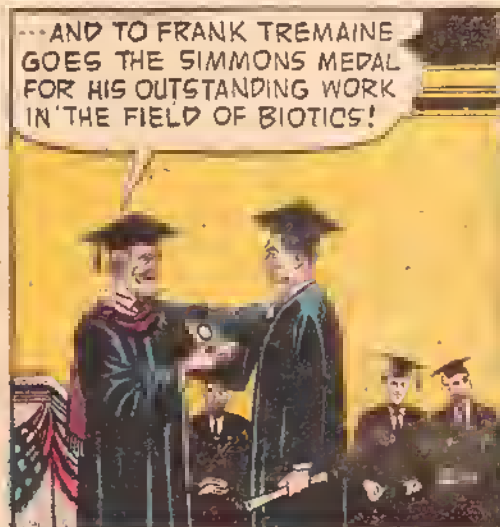
HE MIGHT HAVE BECOME **DR. TREMAINE**...A GREAT RESEARCHER...



AND THE NEWSPAPER HEADLINES WHICH DEALT WITH HIM MIGHT HAVE BEEN **DIFFERENT**...



...AND TO FRANK TREMAINE GOES THE SIMMONS MEDAL FOR HIS OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE FIELD OF BIOTICS!



...SO YOU SEE THAT EVEN THE LITTLE THINGS IN LIFE...LIKE STEPPING ON A CAT'S TAIL...CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING!

The MANY-SHAPED THING



NO ONE SAW IT FALL, THIS STRANGE, GLOWING BALL OF FLAME... PLUNGING EARTHWARD ACROSS THE STAR-STUDDED BRILLANCE OF THE SUMMER SKY! DOWN IT CAME, A SHIMMERING, HISSING MASS, OUT OF THE INFINITE, DARK REALM OF SILENT SPACE...

OGDEN
WHITNEY

BUT IN A NEARBY FARMHOUSE, A DOG BRISTLED WITH FEAR AT AN ALIEN SCENT---

YOU BETTER GO LOOK, JIM! IT COULD BE A PROWLER!

GR-RR

A PROWLER, SHE HAD SAID, AND SHE WAS RIGHT---BUT ONLY PARTLY RIGHT! A PROWLER IT WAS, BUT WHAT KIND---



IT WAS STRANGER YET WHEN THE MAN AND DOG ARRIVED! FOR THE PROWLER WAS GONE---AND WHERE THERE HAD BEEN BUT ONE TREE... THERE WERE NOW TWO!

FALSE ALARM, BOY! WHY YOU BARKIN' AT THAT TREE? THERE'S NOTHIN' THERE!



BUT WHEN THE MAN AND DOG HAD LEFT, A FANTASTIC AND SHOCKING DRAMA BEGAN TO UNFOLD...ONE THAT NO EYE SAW, AND ONLY THE SILENT STARS BORE WITNESS...



A WEIRD AND PHENOMENAL METAMORPHOSIS, AND THE THING THAT HAD BEEN THE TREE WAS NOW THE THING AGAIN...



TIME PASSED, AND IN A DISTANT CITY, IN THE LABORATORY OF A RENOWNED SCIENTIST, AN IMPORTANT MEETING TOOK PLACE...

THERE IT IS, COLONEL! THE FIRST PRACTICAL ATOMIC-POWERED ENGINE IN THE WORLD!

CONGRATULATIONS, DR. BOWES! I'LL HAVE A SPECIAL ARMORED VEHICLE CALL FOR IT IMMEDIATELY!



BUT WHEN THE DOOR CLICKED SHUT, A NEARBY WATER COOLER WRITHED AND TWISTED LIKE A THING ALIVE...



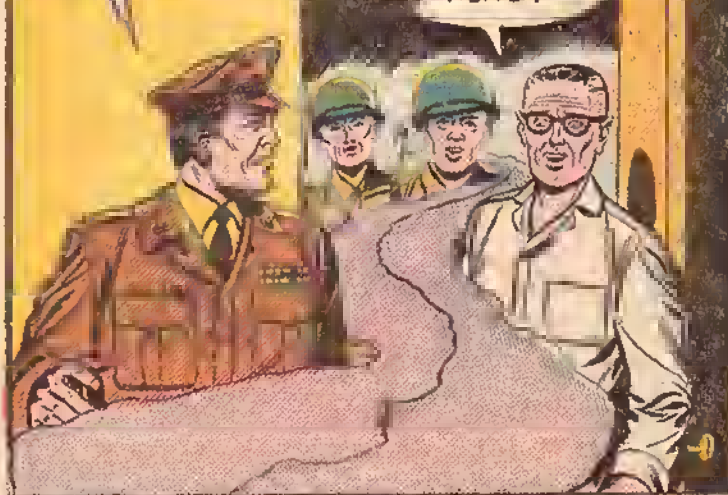
AND SECONDS LATER, THE MANY-SHAPED THING STOOD ALONE IN THE SILENT ROOM, ITS LUMINOUS EYES FIXED INTENTLY UPON THE MODEL GRASPED IN ITS HAND... STUDYING IT...



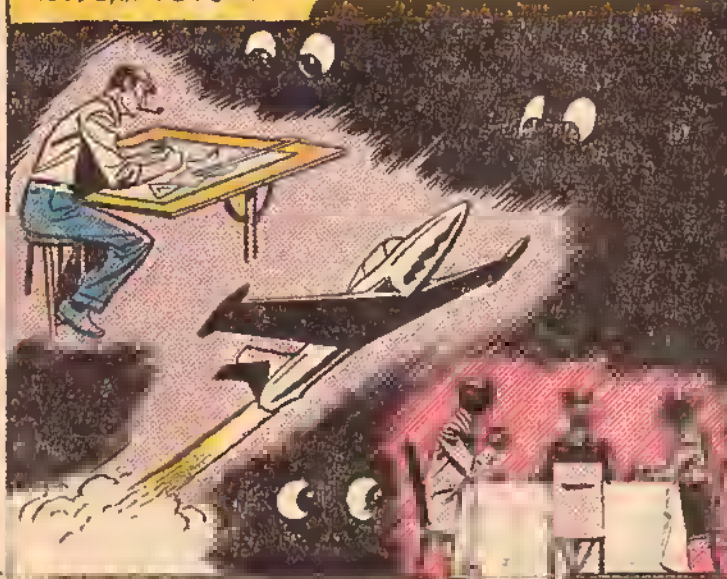
WHEN THE COLONEL AND THE ARMED GUARDS RETURNED...

THIS MIST, DR. BOWES... I DIDN'T NOTICE IT WHEN WE LEFT! WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT?

I DON'T KNOW, COLONEL! IT SEEMS TO BE SWIRLING OUT THE DOOR... ALMOST LIKE A THING ALIVE!



IT APPEARED EVERYWHERE DURING THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, AND YET NO ONE KNEW, NO ONE SUSPECTED! THE UNBLINKING EYES LEARNED EVERY SECRET, TAPPED EVERY WORTHY SOURCE... IN THE FACTORIES, ON THE AIR-FIELDS, IN THE HOME...

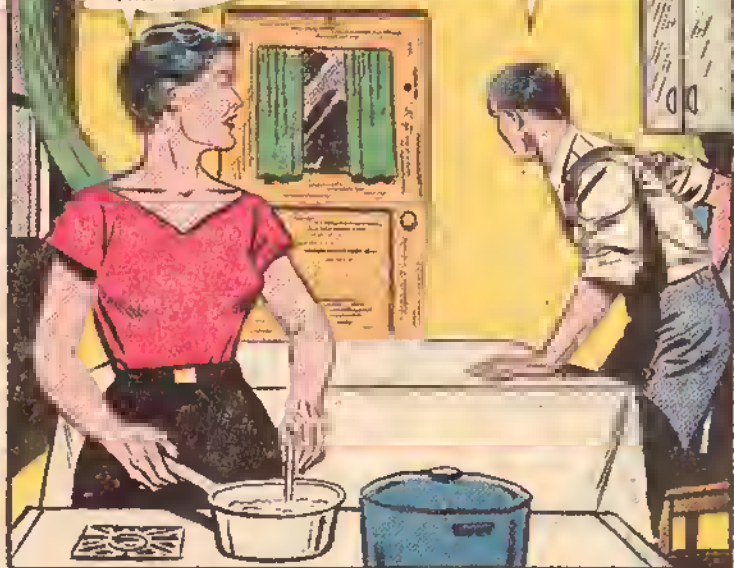


IT WAS SUMMER WHEN THE ALIEN THING RETURNED TO THE SPOT WHERE IT HAD FIRST TOUCHED EARTH! IT WAS TIME TO LEAVE! THE CONTACT IN SPACE WOULD SOON BE STANDING BY! THEN SUDDENLY, A LOW GROWL FILLED THE NIGHT...



LISTEN TO THAT DOG BARKING! BETTER SEE WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HIM!

THAT DURNED HOUND'S ALWAYS ACTING UP!



ALL RIGHT, WHAT'CHA GOT CORNERED THIS TIME? PROBABLY NOTHIN' MORE FRIGHTENIN' THAT A SCARED FIELD MOUSE!



BEHIND THE STACKED HAY, THE THING WATCHED SOME CIRCLING FLIES! THERE WAS NO PANIC, NO FEAR! ITS ONE PURPOSE WAS TO FULFILL ITS MISSION... TO RETURN TO ITS OWN WORLD WITH THE SECRETS IT HAD LEARNED... TO BRING BACK THE VITAL INFORMATION BEFORE THE INVASION COULD BE LAUNCHED...



AND SO THE MANY-SHAPED THING BECAME ONE THING MORE...

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE SNAPPIN' AT FLIES NOW!



...BUT YOU'LL NEVER GET THAT ONE! LOOK... SOMEBODY'S BEAT YOU TO IT!



A GENTLE SUMMER BREEZE BLEW THROUGH THE PARTIALLY OPENED WINDOW, STIRRING THE GOSSAMER STRANDS OF A SPIDER'S WEB... AND THE TANGLED, LIMP FORM OF ITS LATEST VICTIM... THE MANY-SHAPED THING!



THE END!

EDITOR



WHAT'S this month's subject for discussion, all you fine fans of "*Adventures Into The Unknown*"? Well—rather than keep you on tenterhooks, we'll come clean. What we'd like to do is talk over *story trends* with you.

It's no secret that story trends within this field have changed vastly during a comparatively short period of time. Time was when the accent was purely on the supernatural, and stories concerned such denizens of the Unknown as ghosts, zombies, werewolves and vampires. Happily, that period is past—happily, because certain publications violated the standards of good taste in this direction. Now, there's a new direction, a new species of emphasis in the stories which we bring you. Speaking for "*Adventures Into The Unknown*," we here have placed the accent on *challenging* plots. We do not and will not feature horror. But we say to you that there are strange things, strange happenings in this world of ours—things and happenings which amaze and challenge the mind of man. It is these that this magazine attempts to bring you, through the medium of fascinating and exciting stories.

Let's be specific and cite the instance of a particular story in this very issue. We refer to "*The Past Is Always With Us!*" We don't have to ask you to read this story carefully—we're betting that you won't be able to put it down before you've devoured it from start to finish. Why? Because if ever a story *challenged*, this one does! We don't mean only because of the thrilling action with which it's laden. Let's take the concept which underlies it, and which is expressed in its title—the idea that the past has never died, but continues to exist side by side with the present. There are many who believe this, and stand ready to offer what they consider evidence of its truth. To that extent, therefore, we're dealing with a variety of science—or pseudo-science, as the case may be. Which ever be the case, we're appealing to your imagination in constructive fashion, and giving

you something fascinating to *think* about. That's our policy, and we feel that you're going to profit from it—in terms of the best, most challenging stories you've ever read!

Now—it's up to *you*! Do you like what we're doing? Have you any suggestions whereby we can improve our magazine? Let's hear from you! We'll print your letter if space permits—just send it to The Editor, "*Adventures Into The Unknown*," 45 West 45th Street, New York 36, N. Y. Meanwhile, we've got room enough for a few letters, so here goes!

"Dear Editor:—

I'm quite a reader of comics magazines, and I enjoy yours best of all. '*Adventures Into The Unknown*' is really a wonderful book, and I buy it every month. Love those stories!

Nancy Victorson,
Detroit, Mich."

"Dear Editor:—

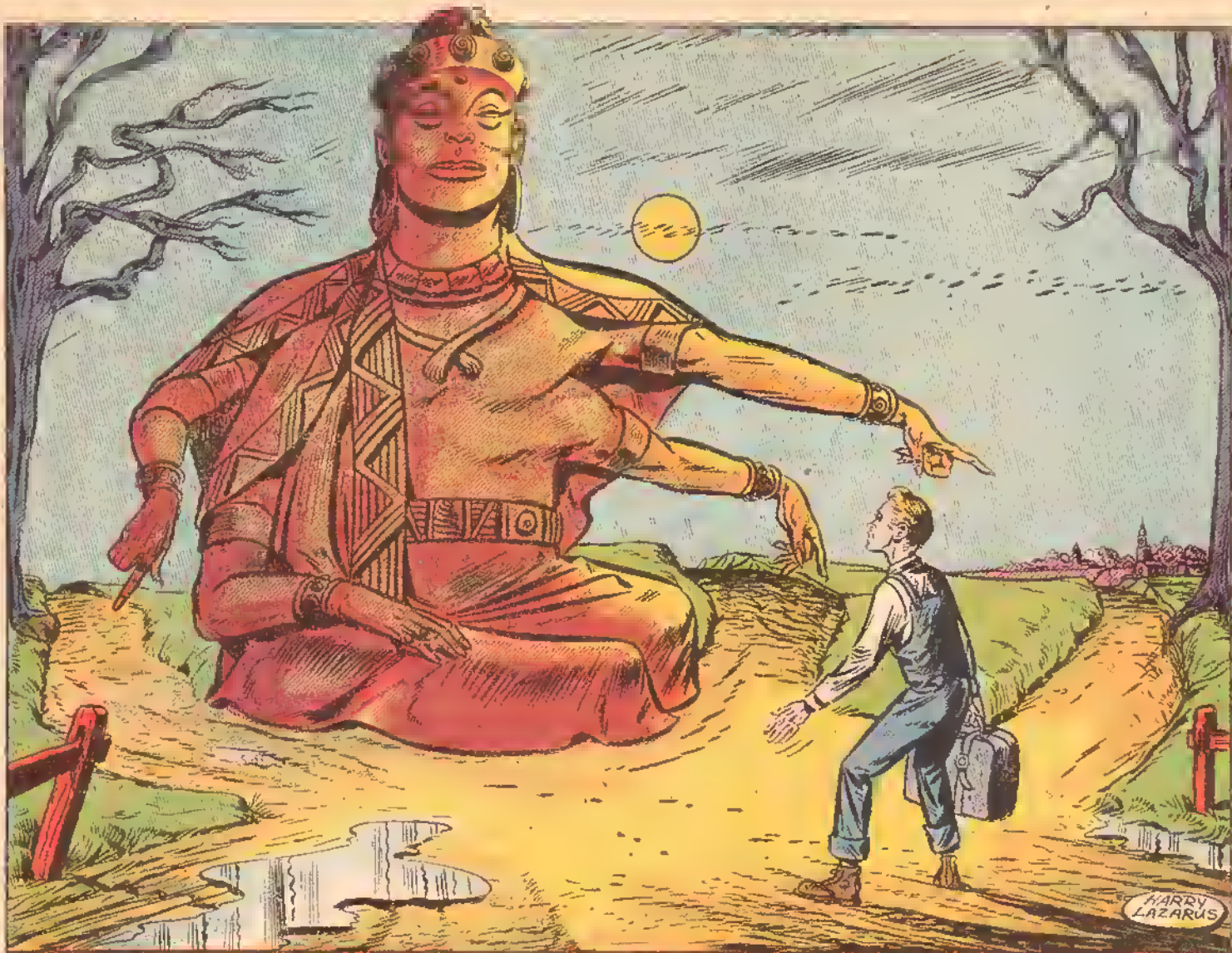
I've just finished reading '*Adventures Into The Unknown*' No. 65, and thought it was terrific, superb, magnificent! Just keep 'em coming off the presses like this one! One of your fans—

Charles John Lehniger,
Milwaukee, Wisc."

"Dear Editor:—

I've been a fan of '*Adventures Into The Unknown*' for a long time, because I find it an interesting and exciting magazine. Please send me information on how I can subscribe to it. Keep up the wonderful work!

James Dollimont,
St. Joseph's, Canada



"THERE'S A DIVINITY THAT SHAPES OUR ENDS, ROUGH-HEW THEM THOUGH WE MAY!" IT'S A DIVINITY THAT WE OF THE WESTERN WORLD CALL FATE, DESTINY-- BUT IN THE ORIENT--

FATE is a MANY-ARMED BUDDHA!

WHO IS **THIS** PERSON? NOBODY, REALLY--JUST A SYMBOL OF THE POWER WHICH CONTROLS THE FINAL RESULTS OF OUR ACTIONS! AS WE SAID--SOME PEOPLE CALL HIM **FATE**--

BUT NO MATTER WHAT YOU MAY CALL HIM, HE INFLUENCES OUR LIVES IN COUNTLESS WAYS! YES, ALL OF US MOVE TOWARD DIFFERENT DESTINIES---

BUT THE DESTINY OF **DANNY DAVIS** WAS THE STRANGEST WE'VE EVER HEARD! HE WAS A POOR FARM BOY ---AN ORPHAN LIVING WITH A MISERLY, DISTANT RELATIVE---



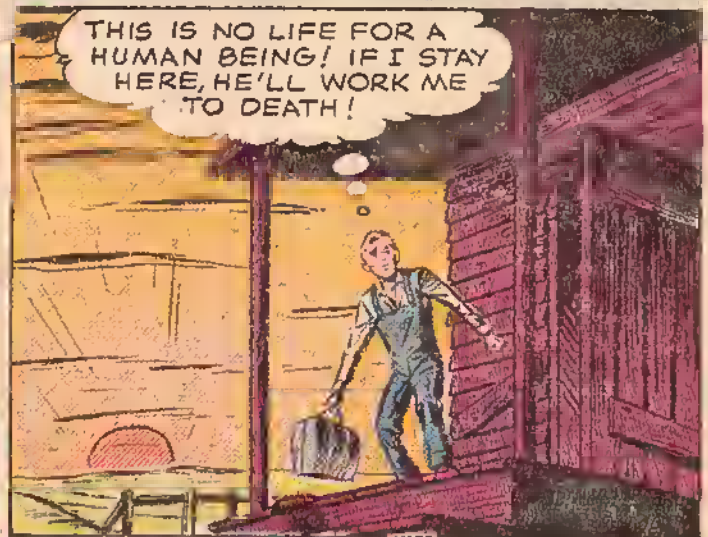
FOURTH COUSIN JABEZ HAD REARED DANNY--
KEEPING THE LAD IN VIRTUAL SLAVERY--

--AND WHEN YOU FINISH
MILKING, START PLOWING
THE WEST FORTY! THERE
WON'T BE ANY IDLERS
AROUND **THIS** PLACE!



FINALLY, DANNY COULD STAND IT NO LONG-
ER! REBELLING AGAINST MISERY, HE
DETERMINED TO GO OUT INTO THE WORLD,
AND SHIFT FOR HIMSELF--

THIS IS NO LIFE FOR A
HUMAN BEING! IF I STAY
HERE, HE'LL WORK ME
TO DEATH!

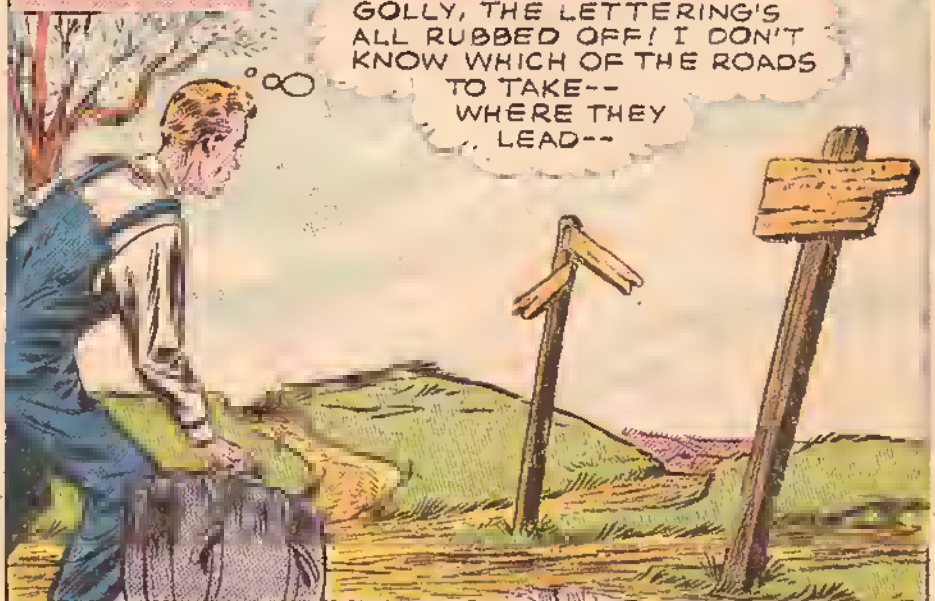


I--I DON'T EVEN
KNOW WHERE THIS
OLD ROAD LEADS!
I'VE NEVER BEEN
OFF THE FARM
IN MY LIFE--



ON HE STRUGGLED--UNTIL HE CAME TO A PLACE
WHERE THE ROAD DIVIDED INTO THREE SEPARATE
BRANCHES--

GOLLY, THE LETTERING'S
ALL RUBBED OFF! I DON'T
KNOW WHICH OF THE ROADS
TO TAKE--
WHERE THEY
LEAD--



YOU DON'T KNOW, DANNY-- BUT
FATE DOES! AND HOW LUCKY THAT
YOU CAN'T HEAR HIM LAUGHING
AT SOME IRONIC JEST AS HE
INDICATES THE LEFT-HAND FORK!
WITHOUT KNOWING WHY **THIS** IS
THE ONE YOU DECIDE TO TAKE!

WELL, IF I HAVE
TO PICK ONE--IT
MIGHT AS WELL
BE **THIS**!



ON AND ON LED THE
ROAD--UNTIL--

THAT TOWN--IT
LOOKS SO--
FRIENDLY--
LIKE I WAS
MEANT TO
COME HERE!



THE BOY SECURED A JOB AS
CLERK IN A SMALL GENERAL
STORE--AND SAVED HIS
MONEY UNTIL HE COULD
BUY IT FOR HIS OWN!

THAT'S IT! IT-- IT
SURE LOOKS GREAT,
DOESN'T IT?

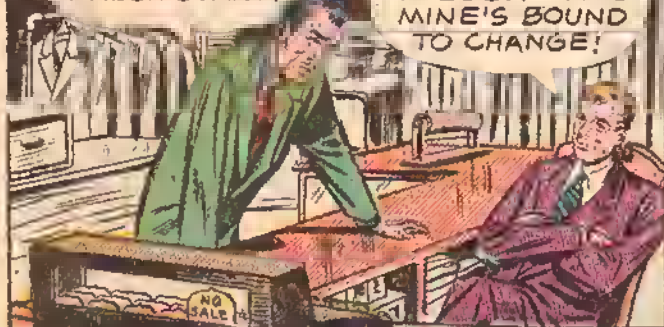
DANIEL R. DAVIS
-- GENERAL --
MERCHANDISE



BUT THINGS WENT BADLY WITH HIM--
FOR HE WAS A GOOD-HEARTED MAN,
TOO FREE TO HELP OTHERS--

THERE'S NOTHING FOR
YOU **HERE**, DAN! WHY
NOT COME TO NEW
YORK WITH ME--
AND TRY FOR A
FRESH START?

NO--I'LL STAY
AND FIGHT IT
OUT **HERE**! I'M
A GREAT
BELIEVER
IN **LUCK**--AND
MINE'S BOUND
TO CHANGE!



THEN CAN YOU
AT LEAST LEND
ME THE MONEY
TO GET THERE?

I HAVEN'T GOT
MUCH LEFT, AL--
BUT I CAN'T SAY
NO TO A
FRIEND!

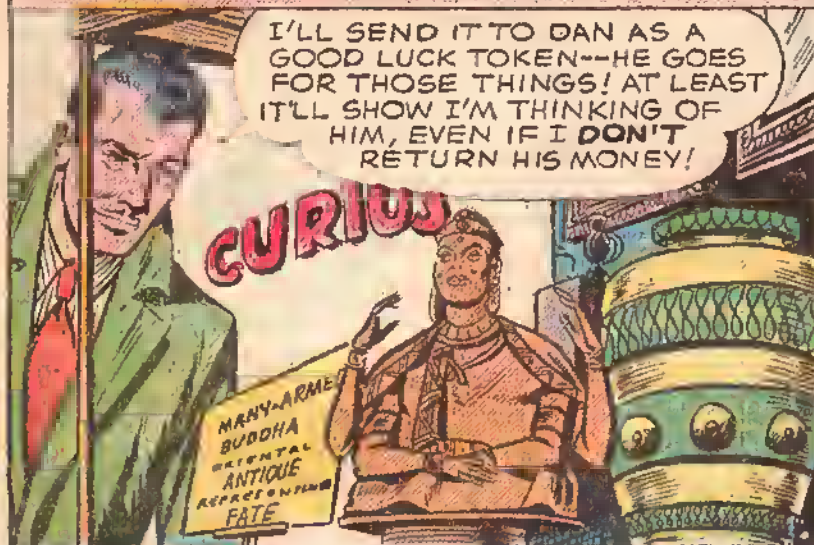


HE NEVER GOT THE MONEY BACK--BUT INSTEAD,
HE GOT SOMETHING **ELSE**!

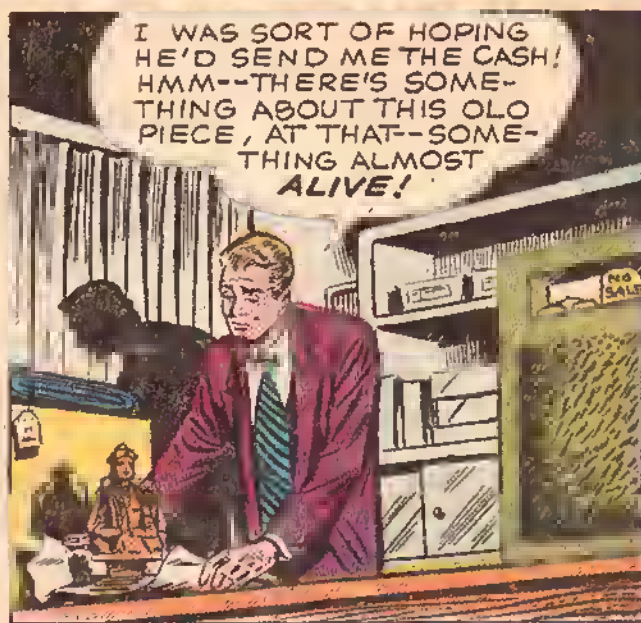
I'LL SEND IT TO DAN AS A
GOOD LUCK TOKEN--HE GOES
FOR THOSE THINGS! AT LEAST
IT'LL SHOW I'M THINKING OF
HIM, EVEN IF I **DON'T**
RETURN HIS MONEY!

CURIUS

MANY-ARMED
BUDDHA
ORIENTAL
ANTIQUE
REPRESENTING
FATE



I WAS SORT OF HOPING
HE'D SEND ME THE CASH!
HMM--THERE'S SOME-
THING ABOUT THIS OLO
PIECE, AT THAT--SOME-
THING ALMOST
ALIVE!



FROM THE MOMENT HE RECEIVED THE
MANY-ARMED BUDDHA, THERE SEEMED
TO BE A CHANGE IN HIS LUCK! BUSINESS
PROSPERED--

SAY, DAN,
THE OLO
PLACE
LOOKS
MIGHTY
SLICK!

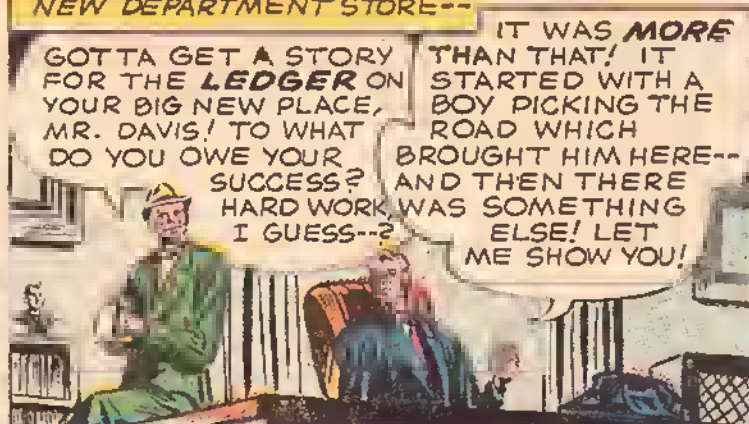
GLAD YOU LIKE IT!
IF SALES KEEP ON
HOLDING UP, I MAY
EVEN **EXPAND**!



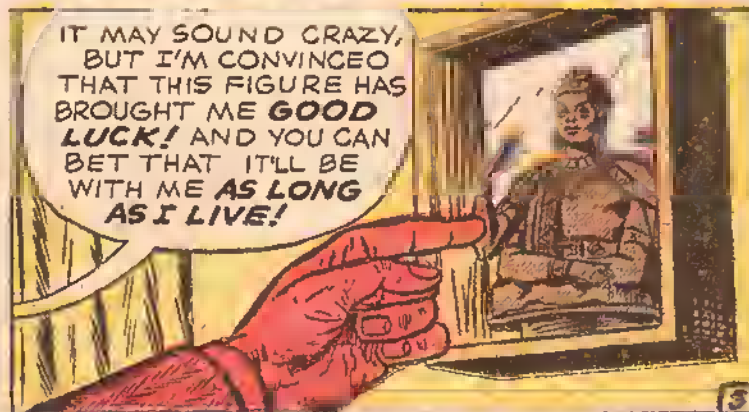
SALES HELD UP--INCREASED--**EVERYTHING**
WAS BREAKING RIGHT! WHAT HAD ONCE BEEN
A SMALL GENERAL STORE, WAS NOW A LARGE,
NEW DEPARTMENT STORE--

GOTTA GET A STORY
FOR THE **LEDGER** ON
YOUR BIG NEW PLACE,
MR. DAVIS! TO WHAT
DO YOU OWE YOUR
SUCCESS?
HARD WORK, I GUESS--?

IT WAS **MORE**
THAN THAT! IT
STARTED WITH A
BOY PICKING THE
ROAD WHICH
BROUGHT HIM HERE--
AND THEN THERE
WAS SOMETHING
ELSE! LET
ME SHOW YOU!



IT MAY SOUND CRAZY,
BUT I'M CONVINCED
THAT THIS FIGURE HAS
BROUGHT ME **GOOD**
LUCK! AND YOU CAN
BET THAT IT'LL BE
WITH ME **AS LONG**
AS I LIVE!



THAT VERY NIGHT, HE WAS AWAKENED
BY A PHONE CALL--

WHAT! YOU SAY--
MY NEW BUILDING'S
ON FIRE? I-I'LL
BE DOWN THERE
IMMEDIATELY!



KEEP BACK, MR. DAVIS!
THE PLACE IS A TORCH--
THERE'S NOTHING
YOU CAN DO!



BUT WITHIN THE BURNING BUILDING WAS--
THE **MANY-ARMED BUDDHA!** NO MATTER
WHAT THE RISKS, HE HAD TO SAVE IT! SO--

COME
BACK!

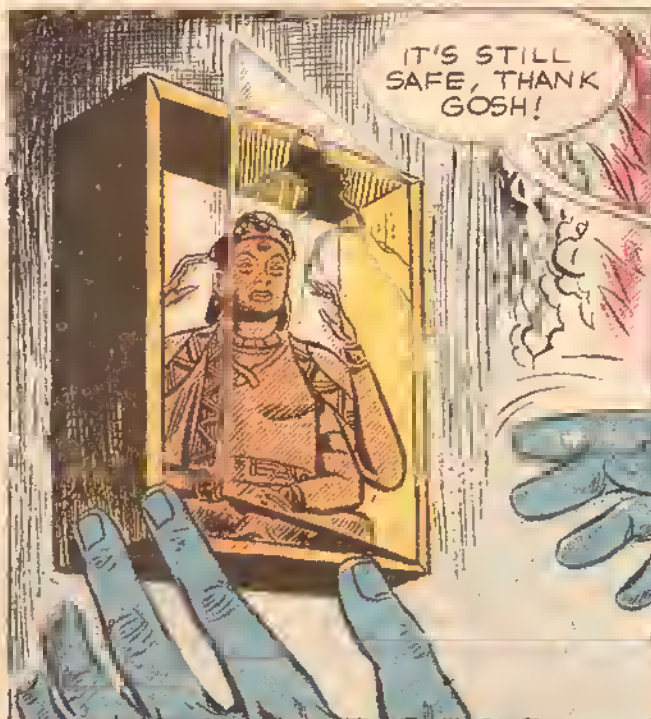
I'VE GOT TO--
GET IT OUT
OF THERE--



IT-- BROUGHT ME
ALL MY LUCK--
CAN'T ABANDON
IT-- NOW!

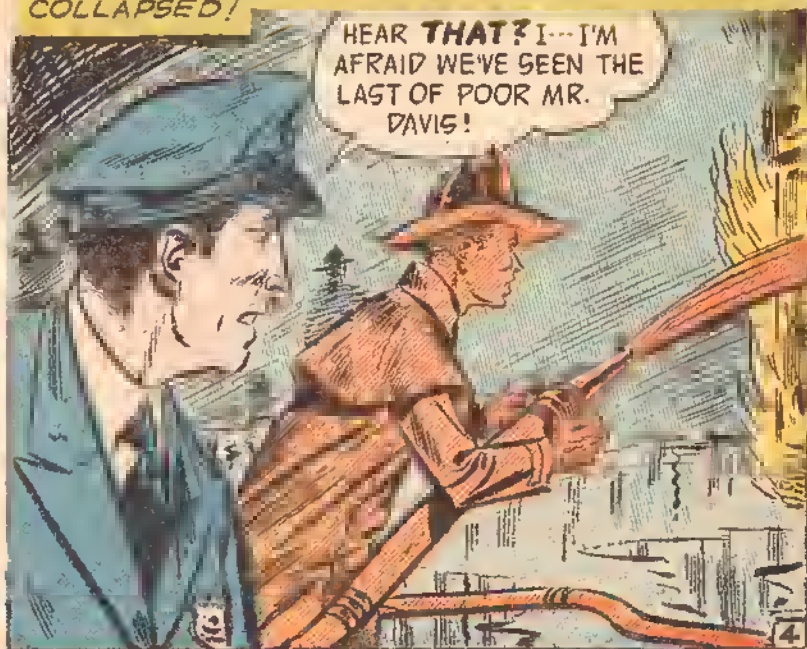


IT'S STILL
SAFE, THANK
GOSH!



AS HE TOOK IT IN HIS HAND, THERE WAS A
MIGHTY ROAR--AND THE BURNING FLOOR
COLLAPSED!

HEAR **THAT?** I--I'M
AFRAID WE'VE SEEN THE
LAST OF POOR MR.
DAVIS!



BUT DANNY STILL LIVED! HE WAS RESCUED FROM THE FIRE, BADLY INJURED! AND HE WAS RUINED, FOR THE NEW STORE WAS A TOTAL LOSS...

YOU WERE HOLDING THIS WHEN THEY FOUND YOU, MR. DAVIS! AND YOU'VE BEEN DELIRIOUS ALL NIGHT -- RAVING ABOUT A TURN IN THE ROAD AND THE MANY-ARMED BUDDHA! WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

ONLY THAT I TOOK THE **LEFT-HAND ROAD**... AND THE **BUDDHA** LED ME TO MIS-FORTUNE!

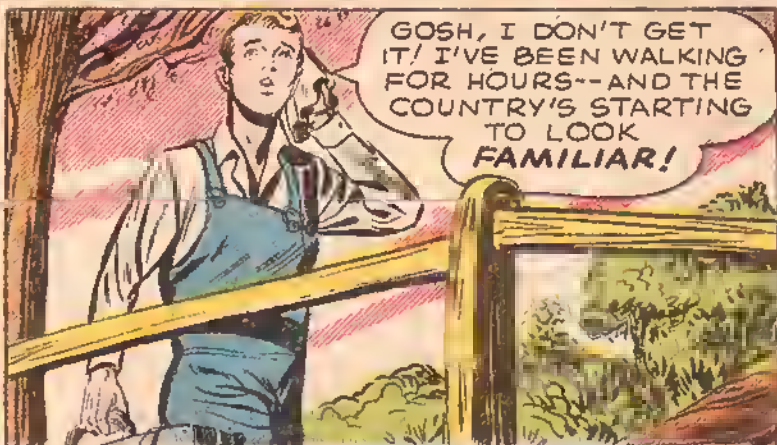


TOO BAD, YOU SAY-- FOR IF HE'D TAKEN AN-OTHER FORK IN THE ROAD, HIS WHOLE LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN CHANGED! WELL, LET'S GO BACK TO THAT DISTANT DAY IN HIS BOYHOOD --AND SEE!

OH, WELL... GUESS I'LL TAKE THE **CENTER ROAD!**



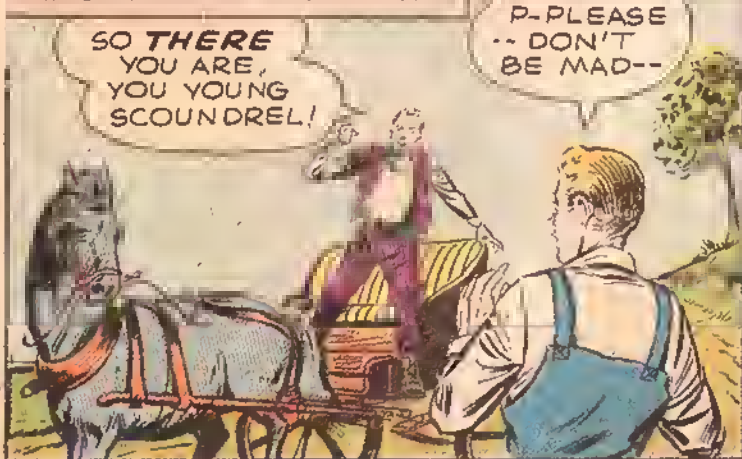
GOSH, I DON'T GET IT! I'VE BEEN WALKING FOR HOURS--AND THE COUNTRY'S STARTING TO LOOK **FAMILIAR!**



IT WAS **FAMILIAR**, ALL RIGHT! FOR THE **CENTER FORK** HAD WANDERED IN AN ERRATIC, CIRCULAR COURSE--BRINGING HIM BACK TO WHERE HE ENCOUNTERED OLD JABEZ, ANGRILY SEARCHING FOR HIM--

SO **THERE** YOU ARE, YOU YOUNG SCOUNDREL!

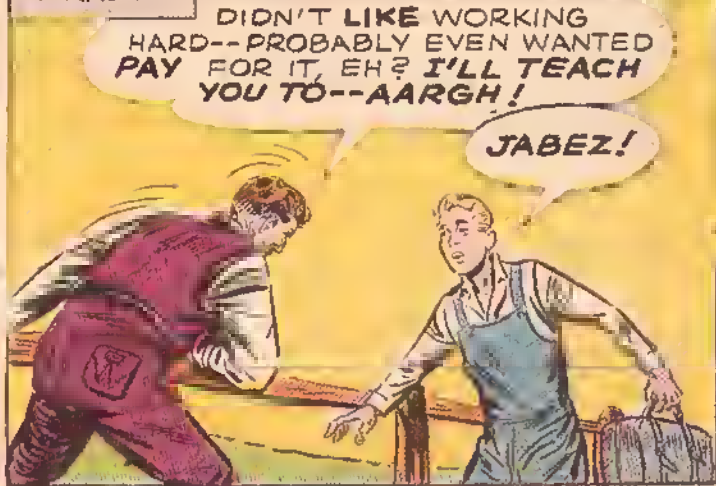
P-PLEASE -- DON'T BE MAD--



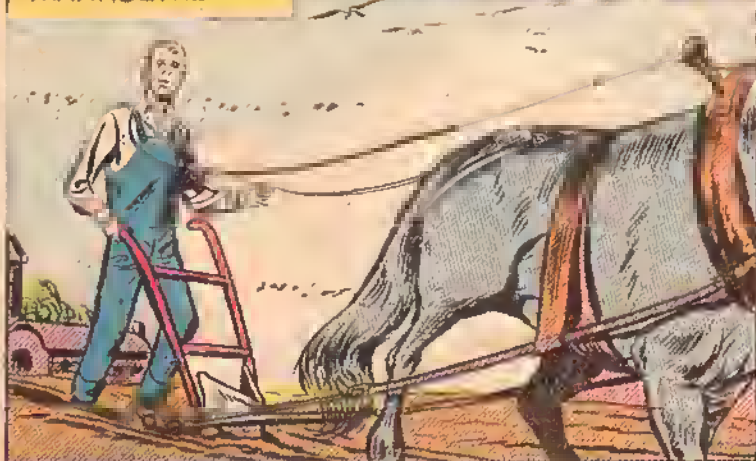
JABEZ NEVER **COULD** CONTROL HIS FIERCE, STORMY RAGES--AND HE HAD A WEAK HEART! IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS TIRADE--

DIDN'T LIKE WORKING HARD--PROBABLY EVEN WANTED **PAY** FOR IT, EH? I'LL TEACH YOU TO--AARGH!

JABEZ!



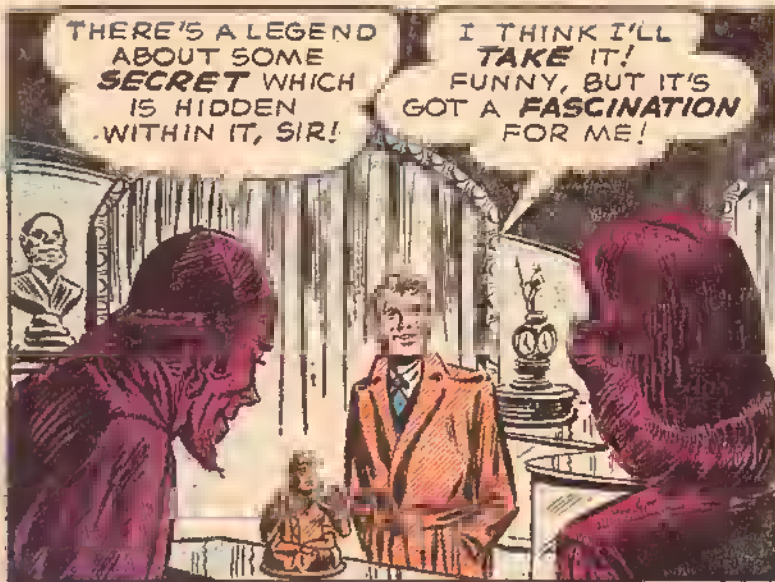
CALL IT POETIC JUSTICE, IF YOU WILL--BUT DANNY WAS THE SOLE SURVIVING RELATIVE, AND THUS INHERITED THE FARM! AS HE GREW OLDER, IT PROSPERED UNDER HIS ABLE MANAGEMENT--



HE MARRIED--AND PROSPERITY ALLOWED HIM A HONEYMOON TRIP SUCH AS HE'D ALWAYS DREAMED OF--TO NEW YORK! THERE--

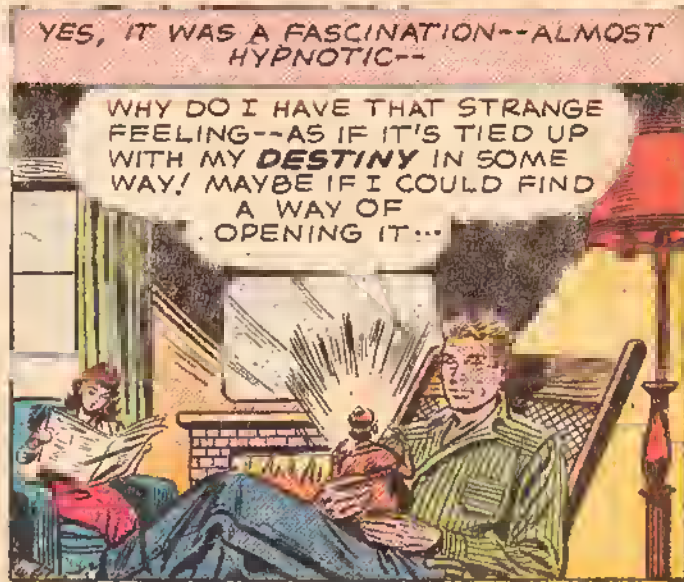
THAT'S AN INTERESTING PIECE! LET'S GO IN AND PRICE IT!





THERE'S A LEGEND ABOUT SOME **SECRET** WHICH IS HIDDEN WITHIN IT, SIR!

I THINK I'LL **TAKE IT!** FUNNY, BUT IT'S GOT A **FASCINATION** FOR ME!

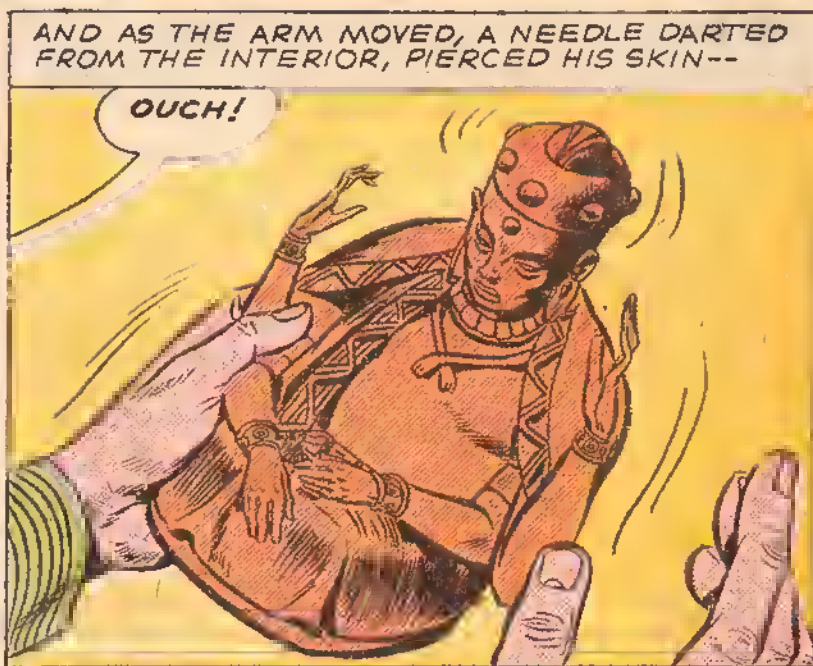


YES, IT WAS A FASCINATION--ALMOST HYPNOTIC--

WHY DO I HAVE THAT STRANGE FEELING--AS IF IT'S TIED UP WITH MY **DESTINY** IN SOME WAY! MAYBE IF I COULD FIND A WAY OF OPENING IT...



SAY, ONE OF THE **ARMS** MOVES--AS IF IT'S HINGED!



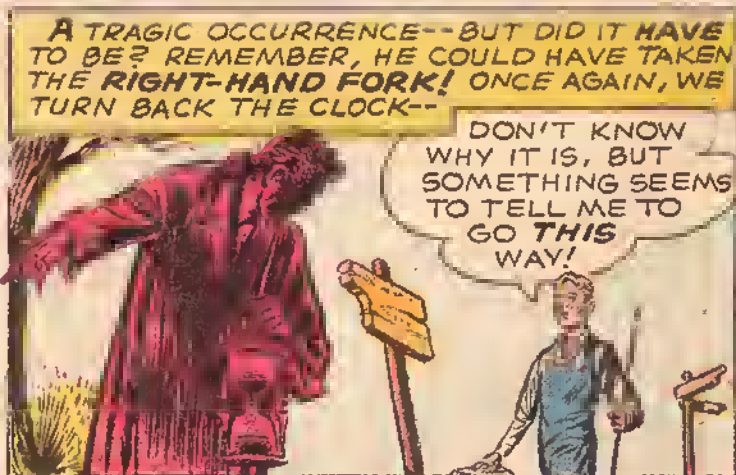
AND AS THE ARM MOVED, A NEEDLE DARTED FROM THE INTERIOR, PIERCED HIS SKIN--

OUCH!



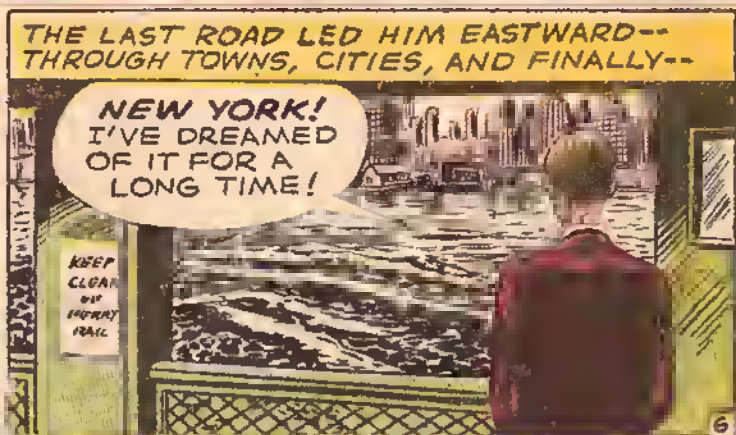
BY MORNING--

IT'S ALMOST AS IF IT WERE SOME TYPE OF **FAST-ACTING POISON!** THIS MAN IS **DEAD!**



A TRAGIC OCCURRENCE--BUT DID IT HAVE TO BE? REMEMBER, HE COULD HAVE TAKEN THE **RIGHT-HAND FORK!** ONCE AGAIN, WE TURN BACK THE CLOCK--

DON'T KNOW WHY IT IS, BUT SOMETHING SEEMS TO TELL ME TO GO **THIS WAY!**



THE LAST ROAD LED HIM EASTWARD--THROUGH TOWNS, CITIES, AND FINALLY--

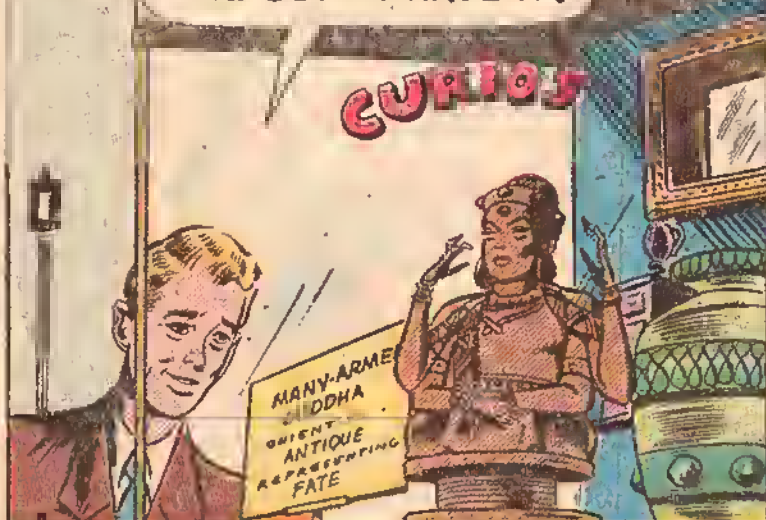
NEW YORK! I'VE DREAMED OF IT FOR A LONG TIME!

KEEP CLEAR OF CURRY TRAIL

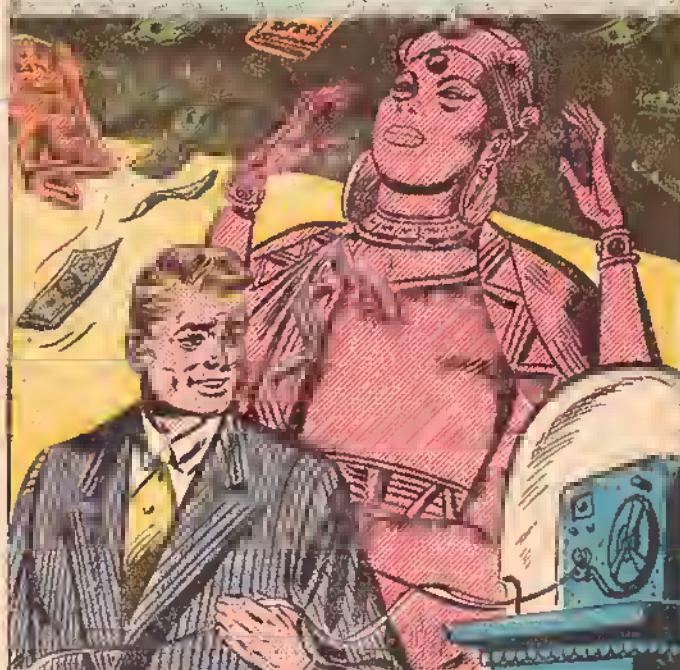
AND SO DANNY DAVIS TOOK THE **CENTER ROAD** --AND ONCE AGAIN IT LED TO MISFORTUNE THROUGH THE **MANY-ARMED BUDDHA!**

HE WANDERED THROUGH THE BIG CITY--AND, ON A SIDE STREET, HE SAW--

IT--IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL AND RICH--
LIKE THE THINGS I'VE ALWAYS
WANTED, AND NEVER HAD! IF IT
TAKES MY LAST CENT--
I'VE GOT TO HAVE IT!

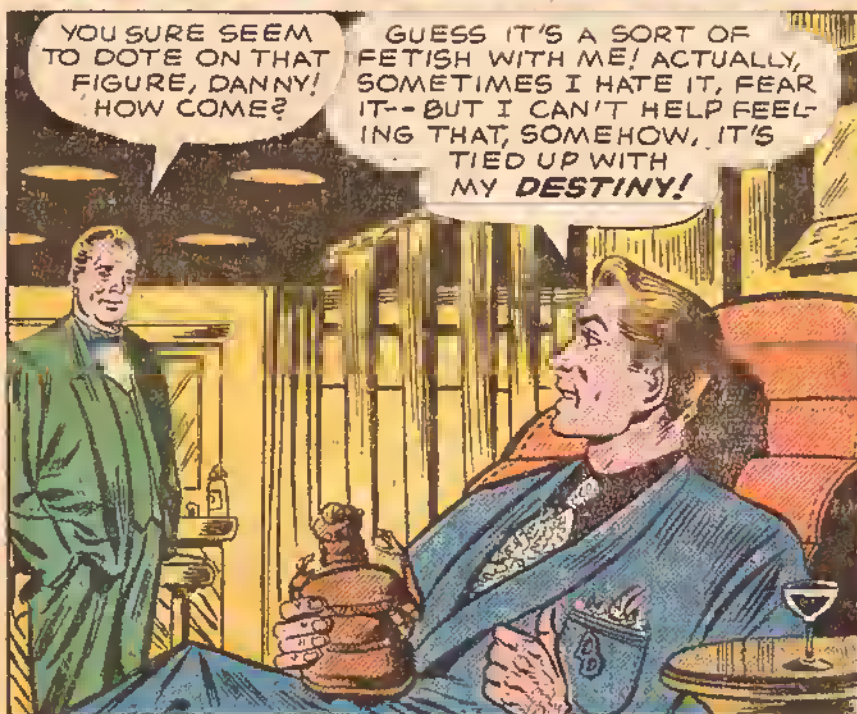


HE BOUGHT THE BUDDHA--AND IT STAYED WITH HIM ON HIS PATH UPWARD TO WEALTH!



YOU SURE SEEM TO DOTE ON THAT FIGURE, DANNY! HOW COME?

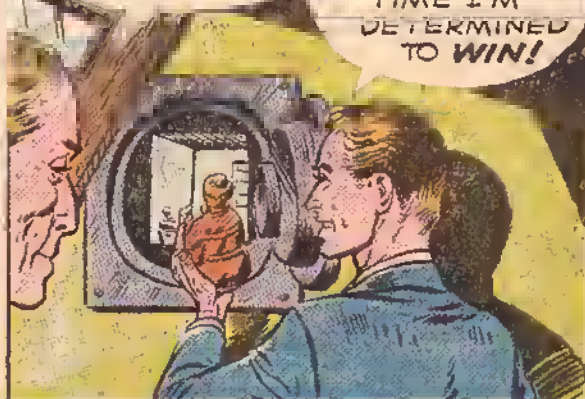
GUESS IT'S A SORT OF FETISH WITH ME! ACTUALLY, SOMETIMES I HATE IT, FEAR IT-- BUT I CAN'T HELP FEELING THAT, SOMEHOW, IT'S TIED UP WITH MY **DESTINY!**



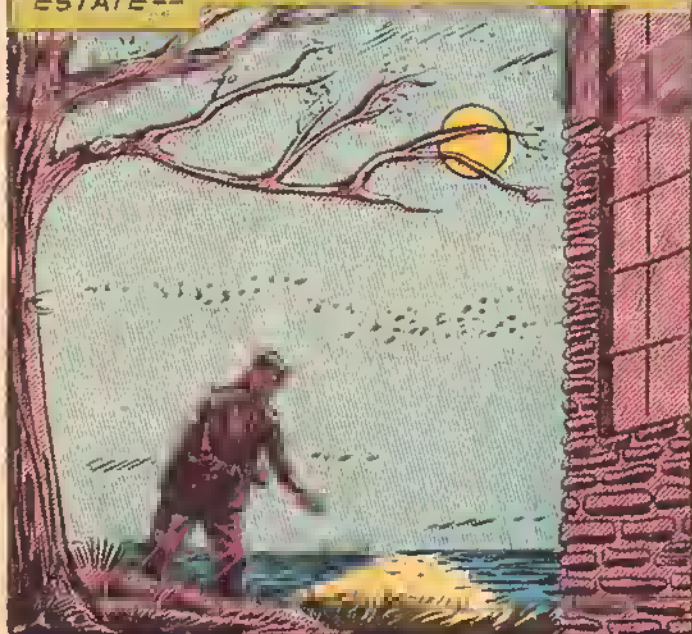
AN ARDENT YACHTSMAN, HE PURCHASED A WATERFRONT HOME! THERE THE BUDDHA WAS KEPT IN A SAFE, TOGETHER WITH HIS COLLECTION OF PRICELESS PEARLS!

MAY I OFFER MY BEST WISHES FOR TOMORROW'S REGATTA AT THE YACHT CLUB?

THANKS, HAWKINS! I'LL BE AT THE WHEEL OF THE **NANCY B.**--AND THIS TIME I'M DETERMINED TO **WIN!**



LATE THAT NIGHT, AN INTRUDER SLIPPED QUIETLY INTO THE GROUNDS OF DANNY'S ESTATE--



AN EXPERIENCED OPERATOR, HE FOUND LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN LOCATING WHAT HE WAS AFTER--

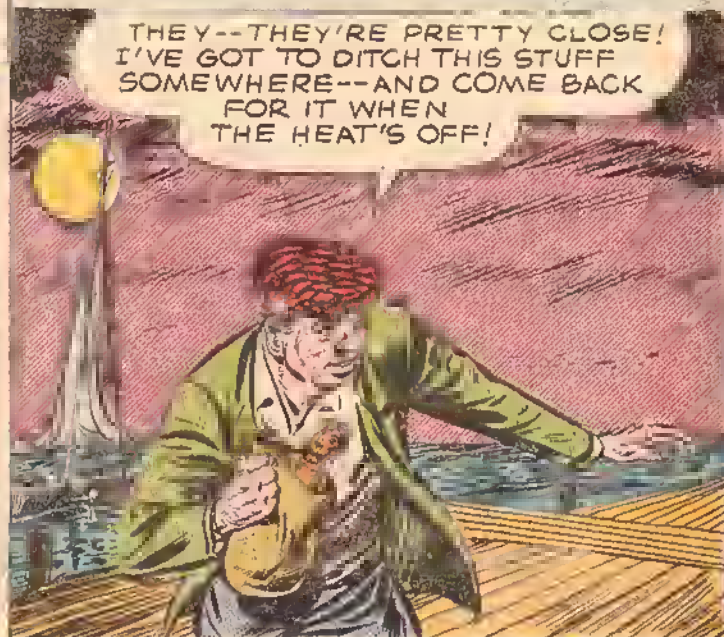


BUT, AS HE OPENED THE SAFE--



A BURGLAR ALARM! GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE FAST!

THE THIEF WAS PURSUED--AND HIS PATH OF ESCAPE LED THROUGH THE GROUNDS OF THE ADJOINING YACHT CLUB--



THEY--THEY'RE PRETTY CLOSE! I'VE GOT TO DITCH THIS STUFF SOMEWHERE--AND COME BACK FOR IT WHEN THE HEAT'S OFF!

THEY JUST BROUGHT BACK WORD THAT THE BURGLAR'S CAUGHT, MR. DAVIS--BUT HE SEEMS TO HAVE GOTTEN RID'OF WHAT HE'D TAKEN!

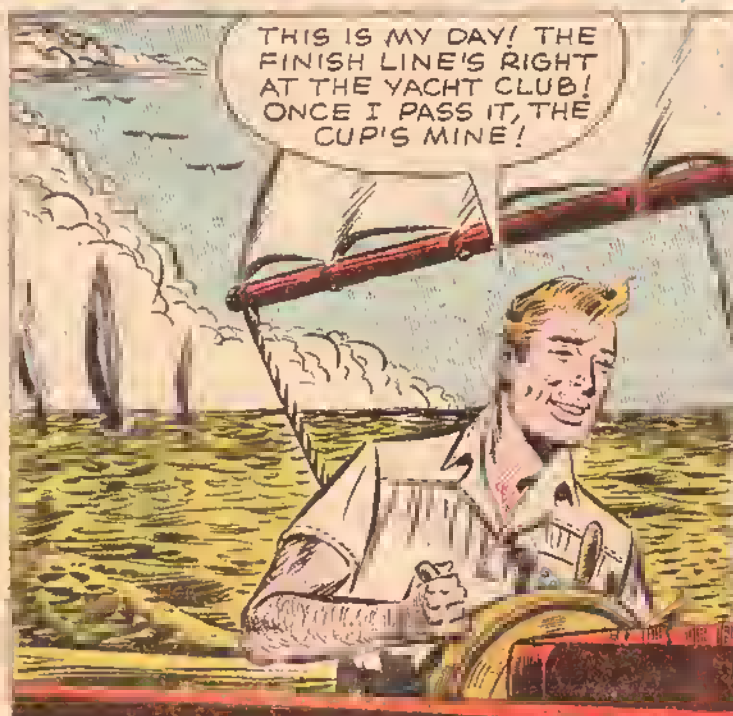
OH, IT'S NOT SO BAD! THE PEARLS WERE INSURED--AND AS FOR THE BUDDHA, I CONFESS I'M SORT OF RELIEVED! I'M RID OF IT--FOREVER!



THE NEXT DAY DAWNED BRIGHT AND CLEAR, AND DANNY FORGOT HIS LOSS IN THE PLEASURE OF HIS FAVORITE SPORT--YACHT RACING--



THIS IS MY DAY! THE FINISH LINE'S RIGHT AT THE YACHT CLUB! ONCE I PASS IT, THE CUP'S MINE!



IT'S DANNY DAVIS--ALL THE WAY!

HURRAY FOR DAN!

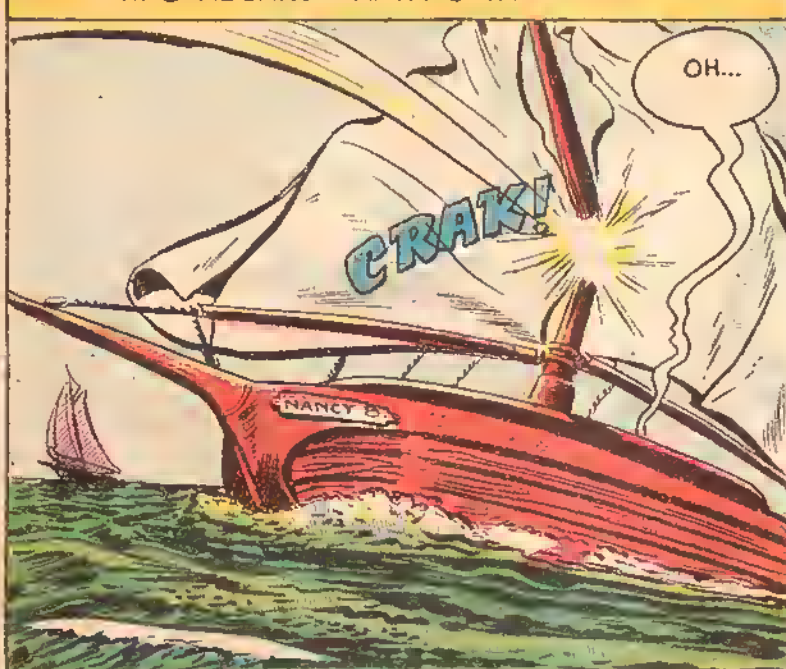
SAY, AREN'T YOU FORGETTING OUR CUSTOM FOR THE WINNER?



WHY, OF COURSE!
WE'VE GOT TO
GIVE HIM THE
CUSTOMARY
SALUTE!



AND ABOARD DANNY'S YACHT--



THAT AFTERNOON...AS DANNY'S FRIENDS GATHERED...

HE'S COMPLETELY
DISAPPEARED...HIM, A
STRONG SWIMMER! I
DON'T GET IT! THE
CANNON HELD ONLY A
SIMPLE POWDER
CHARGE...

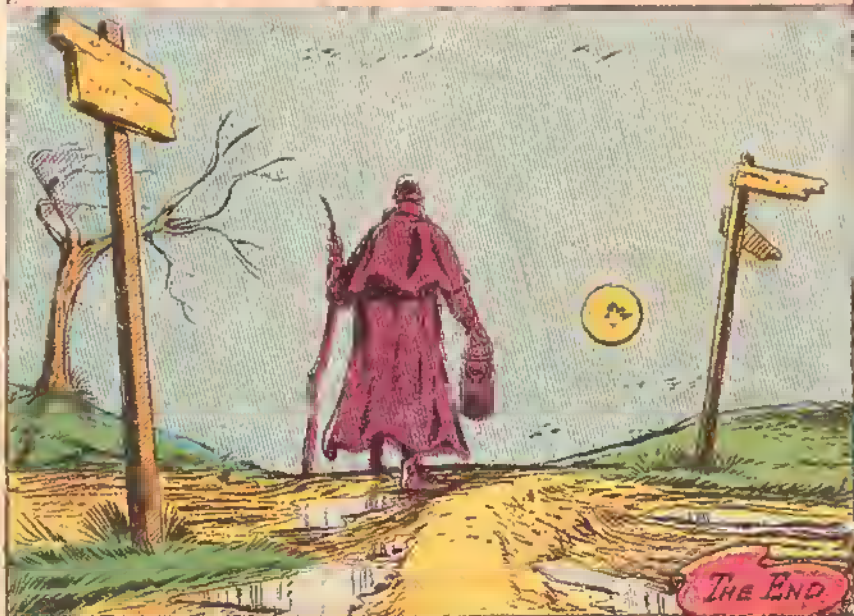
IT MUST HAVE
CONTAINED A
LOT MORE THAN
THAT!... SINCE IT
CARRIED AWAY THE
MAST, PERHAPS KNOCK-
ING DANNIE OVER-
BOARD! ACTUALLY,
THE DAMAGE WAS
DONE...



--BY THIS!
SOMEONE
HAD INSERTED
IT WITHIN
THE CANNON!
AND WHETHER
DANNY'S
DEAD AT THIS
MOMENT IS
STILL A
MYSTERY!



AND SO, WHATEVER ROAD YOU MAY CHOOSE, DON'T
FORGET--WHAT LIES AT THE END OF IT IS
CONTROLLED BY FATE!



THE END

The TELEGRAM

GOOD LUCK!

HAPPY HONEYMOON!

A CASE OF EXTRAORDINARY INTEREST TO STUDENTS OF STRANGE PHENOMENA BEGAN ON JUNE 12, 1947! CORA STRONG HAD JUST BECOME THE BRIDE OF MARTIN JOWETT...

OGDEN & WHITNEY

They WERE SCHEDULED TO CATCH A PLANE FOR EUROPE THAT AFTERNOON, AND THE OCCASION SHOULD HAVE BEEN FESTIVE, BUT...

TEARS, HONEY? AREN'T YOU HAPPY?

YOU KNOW I AM! IT'S JUST THAT I WISH DADDY COULD HAVE LIVED TO GIVE ME AWAY! YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH HE MEANT TO ME!

FIRST STOP WAS AT THE BRIDE'S HOME TO PICK UP THEIR LUGGAGE! CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS WERE WAITING...

EVERYTIME I SEE A TELEGRAM, I THINK OF DAD! YOU KNOW, HE WAS A DISPATCHER FOR 30 YEARS!... GOOD HEAVENS!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, HONEY?

BUT CORA FELT AN AWFUL PREMONITION! AT THE AIRPORT, SHE INSISTED ON TELLING THE STORY TO THE CHIEF ENGINEER...

I ASSURE YOU THAT THE AIRPLANE IS IN PERFECT CONDITION! IT'S BEEN INSPECTED THOROUGHLY! CRANKS ARE ALWAYS SENDING SCARE TELEGRAMS... I SUGGEST YOU FORGET IT!

Don't take plane SR-186! Danger.

WH-WHAT CAN IT MEAN?

IT'S NOTHING! JUST SOME PRACTICAL JOKER WITH BAD TASTE!

DESPITE THE REASSURANCE, NOTHING COULD STILL CORA'S FEARS! SHE INSISTED ON TAKING A LATER FLIGHT...

WELL, THERE SHE GOES! GOSH, HONEY, I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE SUCH AN ALARMIST!

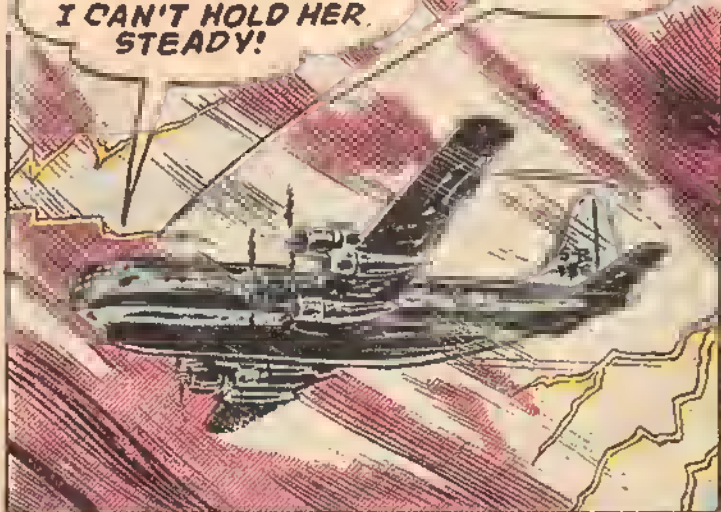
I... I'M **NOT**! BUT SOMEHOW, DEEP INSIDE ME, I KNOW WE'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING!



SR-186 SPED TOWARD EUROPE WITHOUT INCIDENT! BUT AS THE COAST NEARED, A SUDDEN, VIOLENT STORM BROKE... UNLEASHING FURIOUS WINDS! THE PILOTS BECAME DEEPLY WORRIED...

WE'RE BEING BLOWN OFF COURSE! I CAN'T HOLD HER STEADY!

DON'T WORRY! WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF GAS!



THERE HAD BEEN NO WEATHER WARNINGS, WHICH MADE THE STORM ALL THE MORE MYSTERIOUS! BUT THERE SEEMED TO BE NO SPECIAL DANGER, UNTIL SUDDENLY...

GREAT SCOTT! THERE'S A MOUNTAIN AHEAD! CLIMB, JOE... CLIMB!

I... I CAN'T! THERE ISN'T TIME!



BACK IN THE AIRLINE TERMINAL, CORA AND MARTIN WERE HAVING DINNER WHILE WAITING FOR THEIR PLANE WHEN THE NEWS ARRIVED...

IT... IT ACTUALLY HAPPENED!

IT'S INCREDIBLE! COME ON, HONEY, LET'S GO TO THE CENTRAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE! I WANT TO FIND OUT WHO SENT US THAT MESSAGE!



THE INCIDENT CAUSED AN IMMEDIATE SENSATION...

THIS LOOKS LIKE A REGULAR TELEGRAM... BUT IT'S **NOT**! THERE'S NO CLASSIFICATION NUMBER... WHICH MEANS IT WAS NEVER SENT FROM ANY OF OUR OFFICES!

BUT THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE! AFTER ALL... WE GOT IT!



BESIDES, WHO COULD HAVE **KNOWN** THERE'D BE A STORM? WHO COULD HAVE **KNOWN** THE PLANE WOULD BE BLOWN OFF COURSE INTO A MOUNTAIN?

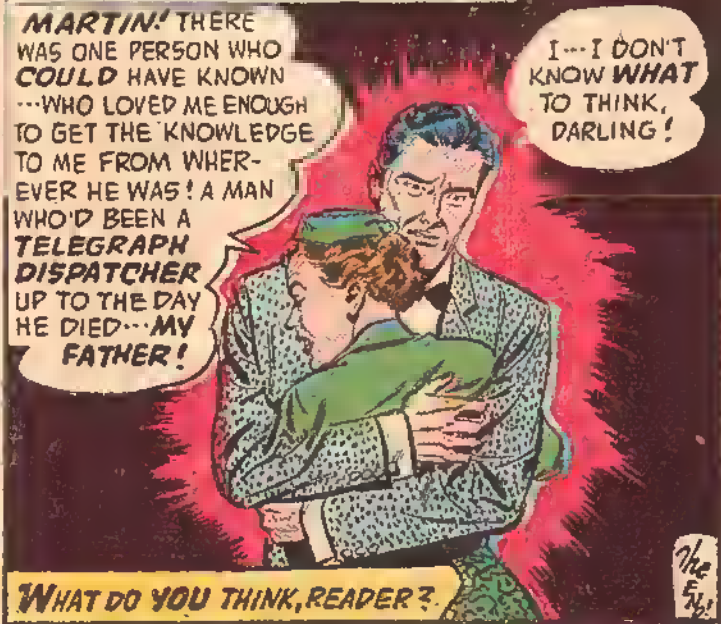
THAT'S RIGHT... WHO?



IT WAS AT THAT MOMENT THAT A FANTASTIC EXPLANATION FLASHED UPON CORA'S MIND...

MARTIN! THERE WAS ONE PERSON WHO **COULD** HAVE KNOWN... WHO LOVED ME ENOUGH TO GET THE KNOWLEDGE TO ME FROM WHEREVER HE WAS! A MAN WHO'D BEEN A TELEGRAPH DISPATCHER UP TO THE DAY HE DIED... MY FATHER!

I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK, DARLING!



WHAT DO YOU THINK, READER?



RADIO



ROY ROGERS
FLASH CAMERA



ROY ROGERS
BINOCULARS



GABBY HAYES
FISHING KIT



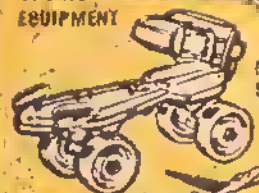
RADIUM DIAL
POCKET WATCH



GIRLS SHOULDER
STRAP BAG



SPORTS
EQUIPMENT



ROLLER
SKATES



JET ENGINE
PLANE FLIES
500 FEET!

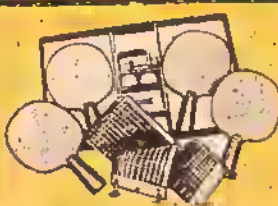
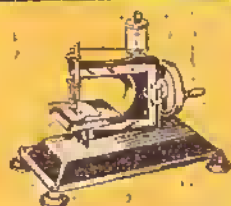


TABLE TENNIS SET



SEWING MACHINE



VANITY SET



PRESSURE
COOKER



WALKING
DOLL



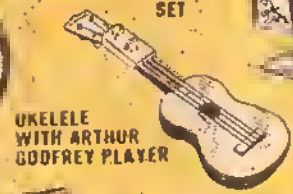
BOYS' OR GIRLS'
BICYCLE



JEWELRY
SET



WOODBURNING SET



UKELELE
WITH ARTHUR
GODFREY PLAYER



TYPEWRITER



WHITE ZIPPER
SIBLE



CHEMISTRY SET



RADIO RECEIVING
SET FOR SCOUTS

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MONEY
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NAME.....AGE.....

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TOWN.....Zone.....STATE.....

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You Can WIN

This 15" tall
SILVER TROPHY
JUST AS I DID IN
10 MINUTES
OF FUN
A DAY!

**I GAINED
53 LBS. OF SHAPELY
POWER-PACKED
MUSCLES!**

Which of these

**2 ME'S
is YOU?**

THAT 112 LB.-6 FT.

SPINDLE-**SISSY** below
ARMED WAS ME
A FEW SHORT WEEKS AGO

THIS MAY BE
YOUR LAST
CHANCE
TO GET FOR
ALL 5 **10c**
PICTURE
PACKED COURSES
MILLIONS HAVE
BEEN SOLD FOR
\$1 AND MORE

When I enrolled I was
a skinny, sick weak-
ling. As you can see
in my "Before" Photo I
looked like a child...
years younger than my
age. I was ashamed to
take a picture in bath-
ing trunks as I do now.
I was shy with girls
because I had nothing to
show off. A few
weeks after starting the
Jowett Course my
body was the best in
the neighborhood. Now
I get respect and ad-
miration from every
fellow and girl I meet.

Roger D. Hirsch
NEW YORK
HOW

There's that
skinny scarecrow
ROGER. Let's
pass him by!



ROGER HIRSCH
was 112 lb., 6 ft. WEAKLING.
Look at him NOW—
A MOVIE-STAR HE-MAN
from Head to Toe

**as YOU
can be
soon!**

YES! You'll see INCH upon INCH of MIGHTY MUSCLE added to
YOUR ARMS. Your CHEST deepened. Your BACK AND
SHOULDERS broadened. From head to heels, you'll gain SOLIDITY,
SIZE, POWER, SPEED! You'll become an ALL-Around, ALL-American
HE-MAN, A WINNER in everything you tackle—or my Training won't
cost you one solitary cent.

**Develop YOUR 520 MUSCLES
Gain Pounds, INCHES, FAST!**

Friend, I've traveled the world. Made a LIFETIME STUDY of every way
known to develop your body. Then I devised the BEST by TEST, my
"5-WAY PROGRESSIVE POWER" the only method that builds you 5-ways
fast. You save YEARS, DOLLARS like movie star Tom Tyler did. Like
champ Roger Hirsch did. Like MANY THOUSANDS like you did. SO Mail
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don't have to be
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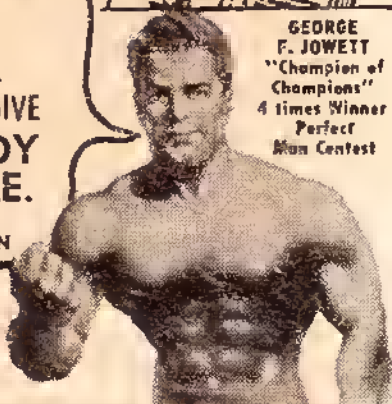
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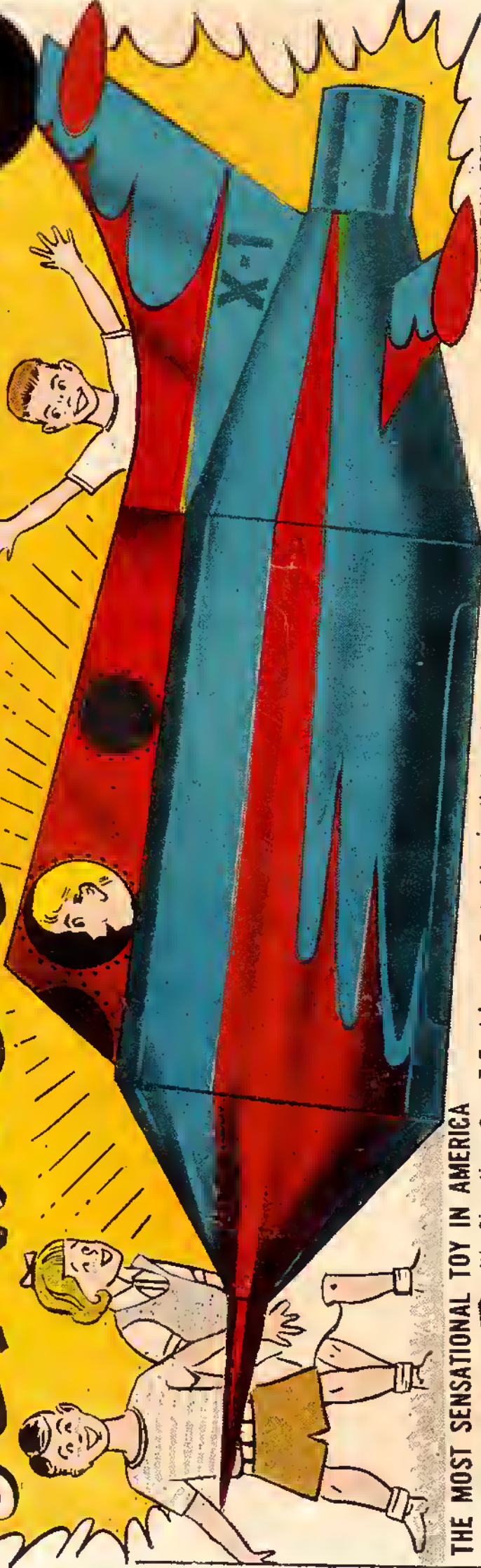
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